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TRIAL OF K.O.S.B. MEN RESUMED.

LOCAL JOURNAL ASKED TO APOLOGISE.

SLUR ON IRISHMEN?

The case in which Privates O'Shea and McEwen of the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers are charged with assaulting a Chinese woman living in No. 3, Shelley Street was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. D. L. Strellett informed his Worship that he was representing O'Shea and that he would later call McEwen as a witness for O'Shea.

Before going on with the case itself, said Mr. Strellett, he would like to mention a leading article which appeared in the *China Mail* on September 12 referring to certain cases which had come before the Court, as a result of which soldiers had been convicted. Among the cases commented upon by the article was the particular one which his Worship was taking this morning.

Skill Sub Judge.

The reference to that case, said Mr. Strellett, was most unfortunate, as it was still *sub judice*.

Mr. Strellett then read part of the article, as follows:—"We refer, of course, to the brutal and unprovoked attacks by privates of the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers upon Chinese residents of the Colony. These incidents have aroused the indignation of the Chinese community here, and the shame of the British residents. The fact that two of the men are Irishmen does not mitigate their offences. They should be as thoroughly ashamed of themselves as their Regiment, which has an honourable reputation, is of them and their indefensible conduct."

Mr. Strellett went on to say that he did not refer this article to his Worship because he wanted it to go to a higher authority, but because he was actuated by a sense of duty to the Court, and that he was instructed to do so by his client.

Mr. A. J. Arculli, who was in Court with Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, the proprietor of the *China Mail*, said that the article was not intended to be discourteous to anybody in particular, and there was no allegation against Irishmen in general. On behalf of the proprietor and the editor of that newspaper, he apologised if offence had been taken.

Apology Asked.

His Worship, after reading the article, said the article was not discourteous to the King's Own Scottish Borderers; rather, in his Worship's opinion, on the contrary. If Mr. Arculli would say that the *China Mail* would in due course publish an apology regarding the article referred to, his Worship would be satisfied.

Mr. Burnett stated that an apology would be published.

Inspector Murphy, who prosecuted, said that on August 30, at about 11 o'clock, Inspector Shannon saw the two defendants in Caine Road, and, noticing their behaviour, he directed Sgt. Howarth to keep an eye on them. Sgt. Howarth then went down to Shelley Street and was attracted by noises, which he later found to have been caused by an assault by two soldiers on a Chinese woman.

Woman's Injuries.

Dr. Tsung Fat-in, M.B., B.S. (H.K.) in the box, said that he was called to No. 3 Shelley Street at 11.45 p.m. on August 30. He saw Mrs. Chan Lai-sze, whom he found to be semi-conscious on the floor. On examination, he found marks and severe swellings on her forehead. The lady was apparently suffering from severe pain on the right ankle.

She was X-rayed on September 21 at the Tung Wah Hospital and it was found that her ankle was fractured.

At this point, his Worship asked if under the circumstances, it was advisable for her to remain in Court to which Dr. Tsung replied.

SEQUEL TO DOUBLE MURDER.

SON OF VICTIMS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

ON CAPITAL CHARGE.

Charged with the murder of his father and mother, a Chinese has been arrested at Tai-O in connexion with the double tragedy which occurred there on Friday last, when a man and his wife were foully done to death with a chopper through motives which were at first attributed to robbery.

The arrested man, who is known amongst the other inhabitants of the village as the "pock-marked man," is the son of the murdered couple. He disappeared on the morning of the murder, but was located after an intensive police search during the week-end.

The police are working on the case on the lines that a quarrel occurred between father and son, in the course of which the younger man had recourse to a chopper with which he first slew his father, afterwards turning the weapon on his mother when she intervened.

The bodies of the man and his wife were not found until some 15 or 20 hours after their death, being discovered in an isolated hut about two and a half miles from Pak Mong village, Lantau Island.

The disappearance of the son led the police to keep a sharp lookout for him, and they have now arrested him on the capital charge.

PHIL SCOTT'S FIRST BIG FIGHT.

MEETING CAMPOLO IN NEW YORK TO-NIGHT.

New York, Sept. 22.

Tremendous interest has been aroused both in Britain and the United States by the contest arranged for to-morrow evening between Phil Scott, the ex-London policeman, who is heavyweight champion of Britain, and the giant Argentinian boxer, Vittorio Campolo.

The contest will be over ten rounds, and the men are advertised to enter the ring at ten o'clock.

A victory would put Phil Scott in line for the world's championship, but the odds at present are 6 to 5 in Campolo, whose victory over Heeney has brought him into high favour.

Scott's possibilities have not been underrated, however, and the keenest contest is anticipated.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LABOUR'S PROMISE TO THE MINERS.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO REDUCE HOURS.

London, Sept. 22.

Mr. Ben Turner, one of the leading figures in the Trade Union Congress and Minister of Mines in the Labour Government, announced in the course of a speech at High Green, near Sheffield, to-day, that as soon as Parliament is re-opened, steps will be taken to reduce the working hours of the miners.

At present, miners are working eight hours a day, and it is demanded that this be reduced to seven hours a day. It was recently stated that the Government would proceed by progressive stages, the first reduction being from eight to seven and a half hours daily.—*Reuter.*

TSARIST ADMIRAL PASSES AWAY.

ONE OF LEADERS IN TAKU FORTS ACTION.

Nice, Sept. 22.

The death has occurred of the famous Russian admiral, Admiral Vesselago, who will be well remembered in the Far East for his participation in the capture of the Taku Forts in 1900.

He was afterwards the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Naval Squadron in Pacific Waters.—*Reuter.*

HOW THE BOTNIA WAS PIRATED.

BANDITS' TRUCULENT BEHAVIOUR.

TORTURE THREAT TO THE FOREIGN CAPTIVES.

ATTACK FROM JUNKS.

Shanghai papers to hand give details of the piracy of the Norwegian steamer Botnia near Haichow, as a result of which the master, Captain A. Haaland, and the Chief Officer, Mr. H. Westerheim, were seized and threatened with death by torture unless ransom of \$500,000 were immediately forthcoming.

These two officers, together with one other foreigner, also an officer of the Botnia, and five Chinese, members of the comprador's staff of the steamer, were taken from the vessel at the point of rifles and pistols while the steamer was stuck on a bar near Haichow. All were, however, subsequently released with the exception of Capt. Haaland and Mr. Westerheim, and news has since come through that the first-named has made his escape. Mr. Westerheim being the only one still in the hands of the pirates.

Story of Piracy.

The story of the piracy, in brief, is this:

The Botnia, a 2,500-ton vessel loaded with a cargo of salt, was bound for Sherwell, from Haichow, in North Kiangsu. Not far from Haichow, the vessel became stuck on a sand bar and was liable to get off. The captain was waiting for the high tide when two pirate junks, loaded with armed men, appeared.

The junks drew alongside and the pirates, despite the warning of the officers, boarded the Botnia. Greatly outnumbered, the foreign officers of the Botnia were helpless before the rush of pirates, all of whom seemed to be armed with either pistols or rifles, some, in addition, carrying long knives. The pirates ignored the captain when he called their attention to the fact that the vessel was flying the Norwegian flag and was a Norwegian vessel.

Leader in Foreign Clothes.

One of the pirates, a man wearing foreign clothes and evidently the right hand man of the bandit chief, spoke very good English and informed the captain that certain officers and members of the staff of the comprador were to be taken off as prisoners and held until ransom was paid.

The Chinese pirate made it quite plain that unless the ransom was forthcoming within a certain period the prisoners would be put to death. All the while the pirates had their loaded guns trained on the foreign officers and members of the crew. Some of the pirates became extremely belligerent, as if seeking a pretext for a quarrel in order to open fire.

No Resistance.

The officers, however, realizing that they were at the mercy of the pirates, were clever enough to offer no resistance.

After a long consultation between the pirate chief and his lieutenants, during which they asked the captain and the comprador many questions, the pirates forced Captain Haaland, a Chief Officer Westerheim and a third foreign officer, whose name was not learned, to board one of the junks. In the other junk the pirates took the five Chinese prisoners.

Late in the same day the pirate junks, after disappearing with their captives, again approached the Botnia and after some conversation the third foreign officer and Chinese prisoners were allowed to return to the ship.

Ransom Demand.

At the same, the pirates reiterated their demand for ransom of \$500,000, which had been demanded before they left the scene of the kidnapping the first time.

The Chinese prisoners reported that they had been badly treated by the pirates, who, after much deliberation, decided that they would gain little, if anything by keeping the Chinese as prisoners. It was also decided to hold the captain and chief officer but to allow the third officer to have his freedom.

TREATY REVISION SUGGESTION.

SUSPICION OF GERMANY'S MOTIVES.

STRONG OPPOSITION.

Geneva, Sept. 22.

A lengthy discussion of the resolution submitted by Dr. C. C. Wu, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, urging the League to make more effective Article Nineteen of the League Covenant, which deals with the revision of obsolete treaties and treaties which are no longer applicable to circumstances, has not resulted in very much progress.

The matter is now being considered by a special sub-committee of the First Committee of the Assembly, and the task of finding an agreed text for submission to the Assembly is giving considerable difficulty.

The sub-committee will hold its fourth meeting to-morrow and it is hoped that it will be possible to frame a resolution satisfactory to all parties.

The principal objection comes from France and the representatives of the Little Entente, who apparently fear that the German support of the Chinese proposal means that Germany will seek a revision of the peace treaties, though it is generally felt that their action, if successful, would be deplorable from the League point of view.

The opponents of the resolution urged that the Assembly should be asked to "appreciate" and not "approve" the resolution.—*Reuter.*

LORRY'S DEFECTIVE BRAKES.

DRIVER FINED FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT.

Following an accident in Gascoigne Road over the weekend, the driver of a motor lorry appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of failing to maintain his vehicle in good order and condition, to the satisfaction of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The defendant admitted that his brakes were not in proper condition.

According to Sergeant Scrim, the defendant was driving his lorry along Gascoigne Road and suddenly swerved on to a piece of vacant ground near the Club de Recreation, knocking down and seriously injuring a pedestrian who was off the roadway.

The lorry was subsequently tested and it was found that the hand brake was useless, while the foot brake was only fair.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$35.

DUTCH TRADE UNION PROGRESS.

LARGE INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.

At the annual meeting of the Netherlands Trades Unions Federation, the Chairman, Heer Kuper, stated that the membership of the Federation had increased by 30,000 in the course of the past three years.

The membership now exceeded a quarter of a million. Conditions of the Dutch workers had greatly improved.—*Reuter.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest to the north of Hokkaido and relatively low over the Visayas and the Pacific to the eastward. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East or variable winds, moderate; fair.

SOVIET FLIGHT.

Seattle, Sept. 23. The "Land of the Soviets" has left Attu Island for Dutch Harbour, Maine.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUTRAGES IN THE INTERIOR.

NINE FOREIGNERS MURDERED.

OVER THIRTY ABDUCTED BY BANDITS.

EIGHT MONTHS' TOLL.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The murder of a Roman Catholic Bishop and two priests in Hupeh, directs attention to the large number of murders and outrages of which foreigners have been victims in the interior of China this year. We leave out (says the *N. C. Daily News*) the murders and armed robberies in Shanghai and other large cities, risings of discontented and mutinous soldiers, even the many organized piracies which are of constant occurrence the length of the China coast.

Major outrages on foreigners in the interior during the course of this year include nine foreigners (all missionaries except one), murdered by brigands, 32 captured and held to ransom, often barbarously ill-treated during the period of their detention, and seven others the victims of violent robbery and treatment which only just stopped short of abduction.

Following is a summary of the outrages:—

Murders.

Telegraphist J. H. Snow, of H.M.S. Tern, was stabbed to death by unknown persons at Shasi, on April 5.

On April 7, Mr. Herbert K. Smith, an American missionary, was murdered whilst on an evangelistic tour in Kuichow.

Father Walter Coveyou, Father Clement Seybold, and Father Godfrey Holbein, of the American Passionist Mission, were murdered by bandits on April 24, at Chenki, West Hunan.

On July 15, Father Timothy Leonard, an Irish priest of St. Columba's Mission Society, was taken by bandits at Nanfeng, in Kiangsi, shockingly ill-treated and finally murdered, his body when recovered showing a multitude of wounds, whilst the head was practically severed from the body.

On August 27, Reuter's Agency reported from Ichang the murder of Father Tiburce Clouds, of Antwerp, a member of the Franciscan Procurator in China.

Reuter's Agency reported on Monday this week that Bishop Trudo Jans and Fathers Brundo and Rupertus, of the Franciscan Procurator, had been murdered at Liao-tang, in Hupeh.

Abductions.

It was officially confirmed that on January 22, an American, Mr. Edward Young, a missionary, and a German missionary with his wife and child were abducted by Communist brigands at Nananfu, Kiangsi. We have been unable to trace what eventually happened, but believe they were released.

Messrs. Edgar Trux and Harry Schwenderer, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, were captured at Sungtao, Kuichow, on April 24, tortured and released on May 13.

Miss Monsen, of the Norwegian Baptist Mission, was taken prisoner in the piracy of a Chinese steamer off the coast of Shantung in May and kept captive in shocking conditions for 23 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waller, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and child, and Miss J. P. Brook, all of the China Inland Mission, were captured by bandits at Shekichen on June 8 and held for over a week on a demand that the bandits be incorporated in the Nationalist army.

Father Dalmasso, an Italian priest, was released on June 16 after being held captive for three weeks by Chu Tak's brigands in Kuangtung. He was badly treated and constant efforts were made to get him to renounce his religion, to profess Bolshevism, and to take a command in the brigand army.

Dr. Holleman, of the Reformed Church of America Mission, Lung-yenchow, escaped in July after being held by bandits for a fortnight. His wife and children escaped capture by hiding and then walked across country to Amoy, disguised in Chinese clothes.

Mr. Riva, an Italian engineer in the employ of the Lunghai Railway, was released last month after being for 44 days in the hands of bandits.—*(Continued on Page 7.)*

SERIOUS RIOTING IN BERLIN.

NATIONALISTS AT BLOWS WITH COMMUNISTS.

REMARKABLE DEMAND

Berlin, Sept. 22.

Riotous scenes followed a great Nationalist demonstration in Berlin this afternoon, when a most remarkable demand was made on the German Government.

At the height of the demonstrations, a body of Communists intervened, hooting the Nationalist speakers, and serious collision occurred between the rival parties before sufficient police arrived on the scene to restore order.

It was feared at first that the affair would develop more seriously than it did as a number of revolver shots were fired. No-one was hit, however, and disturbances began and ended, in the main, with free fights.

The Nationalists held their demonstration to obtain support for a plebiscite on a Bill repudiating all Treaties entered into by Germany since the war, repudiating all agreements, financial and political, and providing that any German Minister or plenipotentiary, who signed an agreement imposing burdens on Germany should be tried for high treason.

Free fights followed the hooting of this resolution by Communists who thronged the scene of the demonstration.—*Reuter.*

COTTON INTERESTS IN CONFERENCE.

DECISIONS OF BARCELONA GATHERING.

Barcelona, Sept. 22.

The annual congress of the International Cotton Federation closed to-day.

A resolution was unanimously passed, firstly, requesting the Government of India to have bales for export marked with the characteristics of the cotton; secondly, requesting the early establishment of propaganda communities in all countries to stimulate the demand for cotton tissues; and thirdly, fixing the humidity of Egyptian cotton at nine per cent.

In connexion with the later part of the resolution, it was also laid down that manufacturers will be allowed from eight and a half per cent, while producers are forbidden to mix cotton, either in ginning or pressing, mixing being permitted only in milling.—*Reuter.*

CORROSIVE ACID ATTACK.

TOBACCO CO. MANAGER BADLY BURNED.

A fiendish attack with corrosive acid was reported to the police on Saturday evening, the victim being Chung Kung-lu, the Manager of the Eastern Tobacco Company. It appears that while Chung was in Shanghai Road, Mongkok, at about 7 o'clock in the evening, he was suddenly attacked by two men who poured corrosive liquid down his back.

The assailants ran away, and Chung, who was severely burnt by the acid, went to have his injuries dressed by Dr. Wong.

The police, on receiving a report of the affair, went out to look for the assailants, but they had made good their escape.

DUTCH EAST INDIES FINANCE.

CONVERSION LOAN ISSUE ANNOUNCED.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.

A new bond issue by the Dutch East Indies Government to an amount of £5,300,000 at four and a half per cent, is announced. The bonds will be issued at 98½ and is being made to cover the conversion of the 1923 loan.—*Reuter.*

NEW CHALLENGE TO NANKING.

GEN. CHANG FAT-KWAI IN OPEN REVOLT.

PLOT TO OVERTHROW CHIANG KAI-SHEK?

CRISIS DEVELOPING.

Shanghai, Sept. 22. It is common knowledge that General Chang Fat-kwei, the noted leader of the Ironsides, the Nanking 4th Division, is in open revolt against the Central Government, following his refusal to take his troops north and, later, to hand over his command.

Trouble has already developed near I-tu, on the Yangtze, up river from Hankow, the fighting having arisen, it is understood, as the result of the action taken by Chang Fat-kwei against troops under Gen. Chiang Sze-shui.

The latter's troops are being disarmed by the Ironsides leader, though some fighting has occurred. Chiang Sze-shui's troops were ordered up river from Nanking in connexion with the trouble with the Ironsides. A field gun battery is reported on the river near I-tu.

Ship Ashore.

One of the China Merchants S.N. Company's ships has gone ashore and others have been commandeered for the transport of troops.

General Ho Chien is believed to have signified his readiness to join Chang Fat-kwei and it is reported that the Ironsides leader is making his way to Changsha, Ho Chien's headquarters.

It would appear that a move of unknown strength is afoot to overthrow Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—*Naval Wireless.*

Facing a Crisis.

Chinese correspondents express the view that the National Government at Nanking and the Kuomintang Party is facing the most serious crisis for some time past. That a conspiracy to oust Chiang Kai-shek from leadership is developing to its height is fairly certain. The only doubt which exists concerns the strength of the movement.

It is believed that Chang Fat-kwei is assured of most support, and one observer states that, while it sounds alarmist, eight of the most important of the eighteenth provinces of China Proper are sympathetic with the Leftist cause, which is starting pressure on Nanking in this way.

The Alleged Plotters.

Tang Seng-chi, Fong Chen-wu, Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang are all reported to be in the conspiracy, though the Anhui leader, Fong Chen-wu, is the only one of the number against which action has been taken by Nanking up to the present.

Reliable reports state that Fong Chen-wu indicated his anti-Chiang intentions on Friday by seizing over a hundred coaches and locomotives on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and that he is holding this material for the transport of his troops.

Nanking Measures.

The headquarters of General Fong Chen-wu's troops at Nanking was raided on Saturday by Nanking gendarmes while the dismissal of Fong Chen-wu from the post of Governor of Anhui has also been announced.

Strong rumours are current that other prominent generals in Nanking have been gained by Chiang Kai-shek, including Lu Chun-lin (the Minister of War) and Chief Lieutenant of Feng Yu-hsiang (Ma Fu-chung and Hsieh Tu-pai, Minister of Health).

Nanking officials appear to be alarmed by the insubordination of General Chang Fat-kwei. Unconfirmed reports have it that the Nanking Government has ordered the First Nanking Division, under General Liu Ch'i, to open the offensive against the "Ironsides."

"Official" Report.

Meanwhile, it is officially stated that General Wang Chen-kau, the assistant commander of the "Ironsides," has declared his loyalty to the Government.—*(Continued on Page 12.)*

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DELI MARU PIRACY DETAILS.

GANG LED BY YOUNG CHINESE WOMAN.

INDIAN GUARDS SHOT.

When the O.S.K. steamer *Deli Maru* reached Hongkong on Saturday evening, full details were gathered of the piracy which was briefly reported in our issue on Saturday.

Three Indian guards were shot down in a brutal manner, the officers and passengers were robbed, and four Chinese passengers taken as hostages. No cargo was taken from the ship's holds.

When the looting had concluded, the Chief Officer was forced at pistol point to steer a course for Samchau inlet, about two miles from Honghai Bay, which adjoins Blas Bay and where the pirates commandeered two of the ship's lifeboats and left the vessel.

The pirates were commanded by a young and attractive Chinese girl, who appeared, according to eye-witnesses, to be no more than 20 years of age. She carried two automatic pistols and directed the operations of the gang.

Varying estimates of the booty secured have been given, but the total loss suffered by passengers and officers is believed to be in the vicinity of \$18,000.

No official protest is as yet contemplated by the Japanese Consul-General. Following a conference with the commander of the *Deli Maru* yesterday the Consul announced that a full report of the affair would be communicated to the Imperial Japanese Government.

Travelled as Passengers.

The pirates travelled in the usual way as passengers on board the ship and captured her shortly after 3.30 a.m. on Saturday. At the time the Second Officer, Mr. Hashimoto, had charge of the bridge, while three of the four Indian guards were on duty.

One of the guards was at the alleyway separating the officers' portion of the vessel from the steerage passengers. He was the first victim of the pirates and was shot down without warning by two men who rushed him from the other end of the alleyway. Four shots were fired into his neck and chest, and his condition is critical.

Another guard, on duty on the promenade deck beneath the bridge, was shot and wounded in the arm, also without warning, while the third man was shot in the hand and ordered to surrender. The arms and ammunition of the wounded men were stolen by their attackers.

Simultaneously with the commencement of the shooting, other members of the gang rushed the bridge and ordered Mr. Hashimoto to surrender. As he was wearing khaki they mistook him for an engineer and ordered him below. The Captain and Chief Officer, aroused by the shots, awoke to find themselves looking into the muzzles of automatic pistols, and were ordered out on deck.

Within a few minutes the whole ship was under the control of the pirates, and the work of robbing officers and passengers was speedily commenced.

Everybody Robbed.

There were 124 passengers on board, including four in the first class. All of them, together with the officers were robbed of practically everything they possessed. It is believed that the gang was composed of 12 men and one woman, who was the leader of the party.

After the passengers had been stripped of their goods and money the Captain was ordered to proceed to a small inlet near Honghai Bay. He did so and the pirates left the ship with their booty in two of the lifeboats, which were afterwards returned. Four of the passengers, including one first class passenger, were taken ashore as hostages.

Wireless Controlled.

The first action of the pirates after they had captured the

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LADY TENNIS PLAYER.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Miss Jennie Lee, a prominent member of Hongkong Chinese society, who had been occupying the position of Secretary to the Municipal Telephone Administration in Canton, passed away at the St. Paul's Hospital on Saturday last.

The funeral service is to be held there at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Great sympathy will be felt for her relatives. Miss Lee represented China in tennis at the last Far Eastern Olympic Games, and was popular with a very wide circle both here and in Canton.

bridge was to control the wireless room. The operator was held up and an armed guard remained in the cabin until the gang abandoned the *Deli Maru* at their headquarters. The wireless set was not damaged, however.

As soon as the ship put to sea again, the Captain ordered a wireless message to be sent to the authorities at Hongkong giving the briefest details of the attack and the subsequent events. It was his first message, received by the Commodore, that was published. In Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, later messages were sent out telling of the wounding of the Indian guards and asking that an ambulance be sent to meet the ship on arrival at Hongkong.

Wise Compradore.

Cheung Yuk-kee, compradore of the *Deli Maru*, forewarned with the knowledge of what had happened to other compradores of pirated ships—notably the *Sunning*, when the compradore's staff was thrown overboard—hid in a lifeboat at the first alarm.

The compradore lay there undiscovered while the shooting was on, and afterwards took advantage of the general confusion to mingle with the steerage passengers until he found a safer place of concealment in the stern. At no time was he seen by the pirates, and his good sense, in addition to probably saving his own life, saved his cargo and a bar of bullion, which was stated to be on board.

Kidnapped Passengers.

The four Chinese taken as hostages by the pirates, and for whom ransoms will probably be demanded are—Chu Hen-yue, 29; Wong Chi-shau, 30, native of Formosa; Lau Chi-nam, native of Amoy, and Ho Ping-chau.

The first named is an engineer by profession and was a first class passenger. He wore European clothes and it is believed that it was his smart appearance that induced the pirates to select him as one of the hostages. All of the other hostages were third class passengers.

The Indian Guards.

The wounding of the three Indian guards was one of the worst aspects of the affair, as the shooting was done in cold blood, without the unfortunate guards being given the opportunity to surrender.

Insofar as could be gathered, no resistance was offered by the guards or anybody else on board as the pirates took everybody by surprise. Two of the guards were on duty at the time the pirates made their presence known. Karim Ali, who was at the grill, being shot down before he was even aware that anything was amiss. He was wounded in four places, in the head, chest and the arms. When he was removed from the ship, the bullets in his body had not yet been extracted.

Unconscious On Deck.

The other guard who was on duty at the time, Hazrid Gull, was more fortunate. He was on the passage way on his usual rounds when shots were fired at him. He could not remember how many were aimed at him, but only two got home. One of the bullets

SEDITIONOUS PAPERS.

YOUNG CHINESE APPEAR ON SERIOUS CHARGES.

Additional charges accusing him of distributing pamphlets without the permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, distributing seditious pamphlets calculated to cause a breach of the peace and distributing seditious pamphlets calculated to cause a tumult or disorder in China, were produced against a young Chinese who appeared on remand before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday on an original charge of being in possession of seditious pamphlets.

Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared for the defendant and after a short consultation with his client, intimated that he was pleading guilty to the original charge.

Detective Inspector Fallon, who appeared for the prosecution, accepted the plea and allowed the new indictments to be dropped.

Mr. Remedios mentioned that the defendant was only 23 years of age and the pamphlets had been given to him by a second party for distribution. The defence asked for the imposition of a fine.

The Police opposed a fine. Mr. Remedios asked that the defendant be treated as a first offender.

At the Dock Gates.

Detective Inspector Fallon pointed out that the serious feature was that the defendant had been distributing the pamphlets at the Kowloon Dock gates at noon, just when the workers were leaving the yard.

Referring to the definition of seditious matter, his Worship remarked that he thought the present case came under the definition "to encourage or incite any person to interfere with the administration of the law or with the maintenance of law and order." He did not think there was any attempt to "bring into hatred or contempt His Majesty, or the Government."

Detective Inspector Fallon agreed and said that the pamphlets mostly dealt with China.

His Worship intimated that the Unequal Treaties were mentioned. His Worship decided to remand the defendant until next Thursday for consideration of sentence.

Merely Patriotic.

Mr. Remedios, in asking his Worship to adhere to a sentence of two months' which he at first suggested, mentioned that the defendant had only been patriotic to his own party.

Detective Inspector Fallon said that he would not describe it as being patriotic. One part in the pamphlets advocated outrages.

Mr. Remedios intimated that it might refer to Civil Wars in China. The defendant was remanded till next Thursday as was another Chinese who was arrested at the same time.

lodged at the base of his neck while another struck his right arm, rendering him *hors de combat*. His rifle and revolver were then taken away, after which he was left on deck where he lay almost unconscious until the pirates left the ship, when first aid was rendered him.

Hearing shots, Kabul Shah, who was in-charge of the guards, rushed out of his cabin and in the passage way found Hazrid Gull lying on the ground. He was going back to awaken the fourth guard when he was intercepted by some of the pirates who took potshots at him, hitting him on the wrist. He was then taken in charge by the pirates and thrown among the passengers in the after deck.

Juman Khan, the fourth guard, was asleep when all this happened. Awakened by the firing of shots and the general commotion outside his cabin, he tried to go out on deck but found that his cabin

DOCK CONCERT.

PRESENTATION TO THE K.O.S.B.'s FRIENDS.

Last evening was a most pleasant one for members of the staff of Kowloon Docks and officers and men of the 2nd Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers. The occasion was a delightful concert given by the band of the battalion with presentations from the Borderers to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan, to mark the appreciation of the good work they have done for the troops during their term of duty in Hongkong. The battalion also presented a handsome challenge cup to the Kowloon Dock Club, which was received by Mr. J. H. Cuthill on behalf of the club.

In presenting silver salvers to the two ladies, R. S. M. Parkinson, 2nd K.O.S.B., said that the presentation was a mark of the great esteem in which the battalion held Messrs. Dyer and Duncan and their wives. The K.O.S.B. would never forget what they had

Mr. Dyer made a brief speech in reply, thanking the battalion for their handsome gift, and adding that he would not say good-bye to them, as he would always hope to see them again some where.

In his speech of thanks, Mr. Duncan highly praised his chief and Mrs. Dyer for their generous treatment of troops of every regiment that had visited Hongkong. He referred to the time when many more troops were in Hongkong, and when there was a pretty fair prospect that they would stay here. It was this, he said, that caused Mr. Dyer to conceive the idea of Tai Wan Beach, and he was not satisfied until the beach scheme had been completed. He had always taken a whole-hearted interest in the welfare of the troops, and during recent times had had the aid of Mrs. Dyer who, if anything, said Mr. Duncan, amidst laughter, had now taken charge of the good work. People should not get the idea that Mr. Dyer did all this for the K.O.S.B. because they were a Scottish regiment. That was quite untrue. Mr. Dyer had worked just as hard for the benefit of the Queen's Regiment, an English regiment, who had said that he did it for them for the reason that they were English.

Both Mr. Duncan and Mr. Dyer were loudly applauded by the men after their speeches.

The Band Programme.

The K.O.S.B. band were certainly out to give their friends a thorough musical treat, and it is doubtful if such a fine and varied selection has been played by the band here before. In addition, the crack Highland dancers of the K.O.S.B. gave exhibition of their art. One beautiful fantasia, "Scotland's Pride," was a display by sixteen dancers to the music of pipe and regiment bands, interspersed by Scottish airs by the latter. The full programme was as follows:

"Fest" from Tannhauser (Wagner); Slow March, "The Crusaders"; March, "The Battle of Harlan"; Strathspey, "The Big Plaid"; Reel, "Jumplin' Geordie"; Selection, "The Geisha"; Cornet Solo, "The Lost Chord (Sullivan); Highland Dance, Fantasia "Hunting Scene" (Bucalossi); March, "Glasgow Highlanders"; Song, "The Road To The Isles" (Fraser); Mr. R. Mc A. Keown: Fox Trot, "Wedding Of The Painted Doll" (Brown); Fantasia, "Scotland's Pride" (Godfrey); "Land Of Hope And Glory"; "Abide With Me."

All the numbers were excellently rendered, and an added charm was lent to the concert by the fact that it was held on the fine lawn facing Tai Wan Beach.

There was a very large attendance both of Dock employees and troops, practically all of the K.O.S.B. men not on duty being present.

was locked. He was therefore forced to stay inside his cabin while the pirates remained on the ship.



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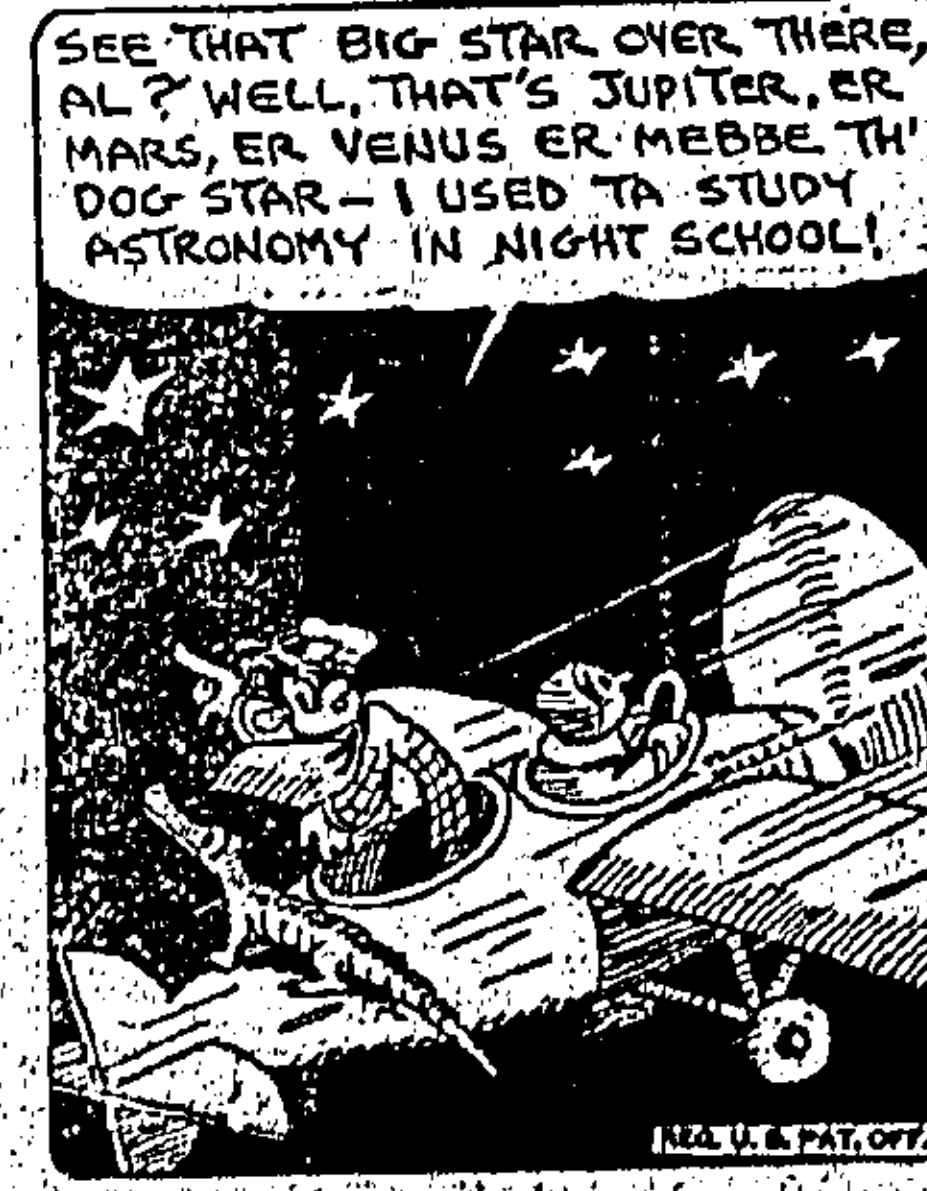
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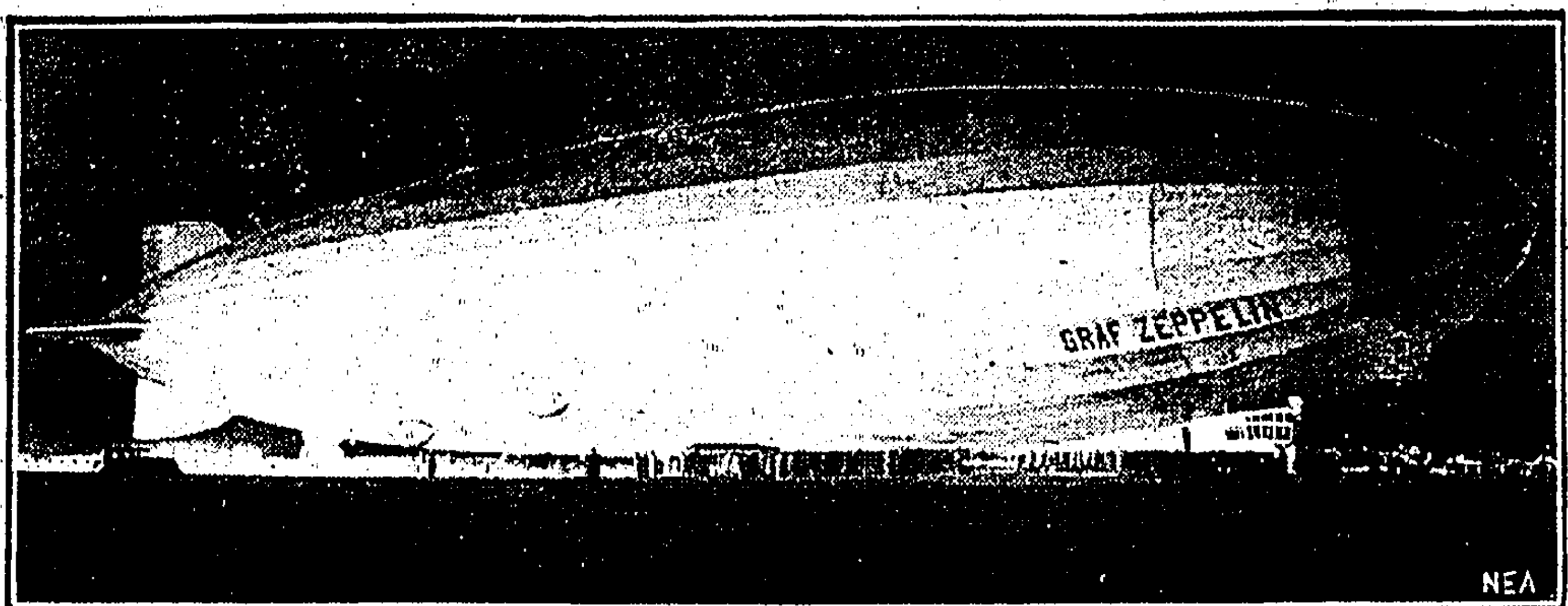
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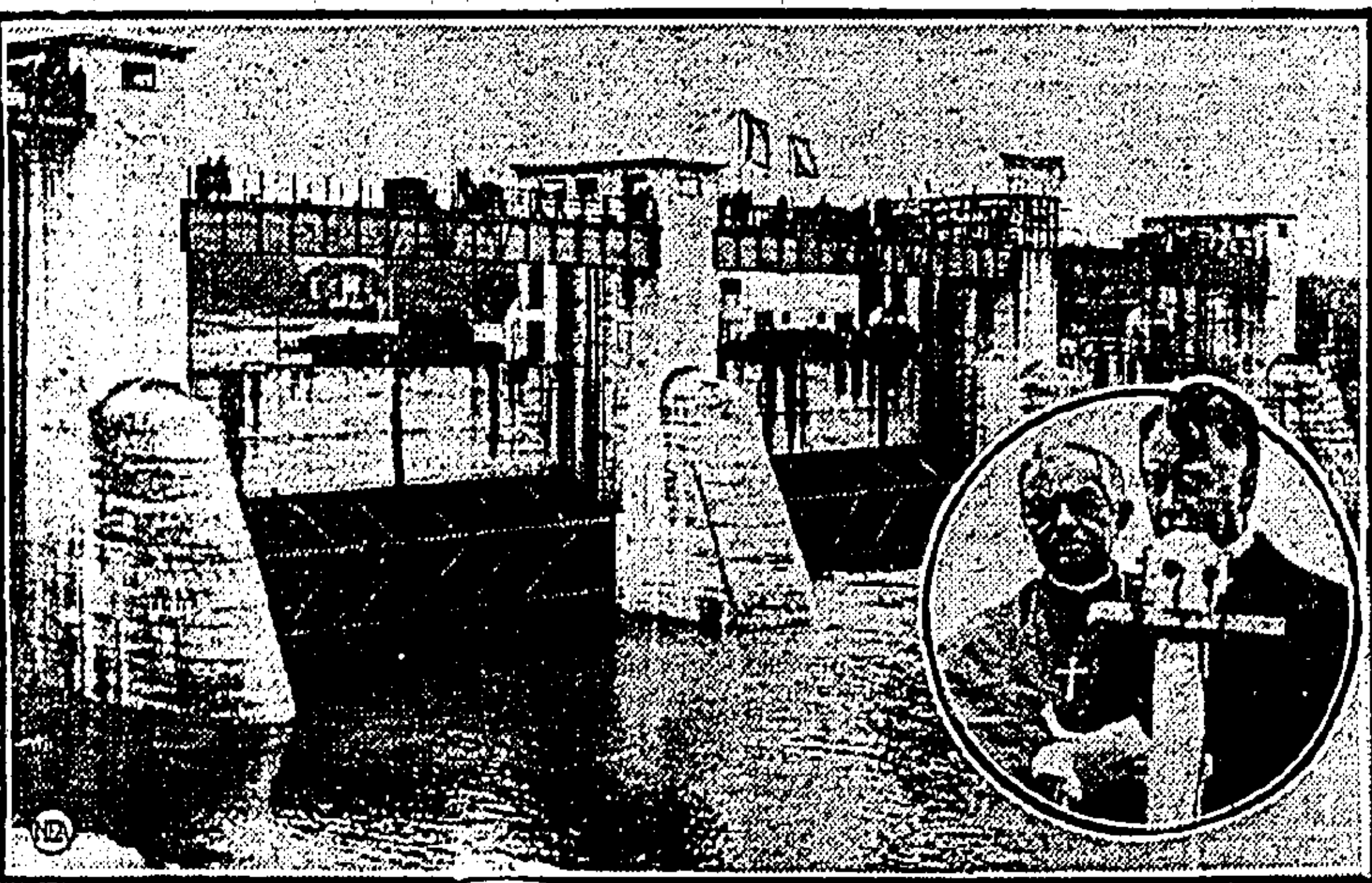
The Back-Seat Driver.



This remarkable picture taken from the air, shows the burning of the Auburn, N.Y. Prison in the spectacular mutiny of 1,700 convicts, who set fire to half a dozen buildings in a sensational break for freedom. Tremendous damage was caused, and during the blaze, the guards were fighting the inmates, who had seized the prison arsenal.



In brilliant glare of flood lights, our picture shows the Graf Zeppelin settling down at Lakehurst Airdrome after her triumphant circuit of the world.



The completion of the power-harnessing project on the River Shannon in Ireland is depicted above, in the opening of the giant intake gates by President Cosgrave, shown in the inset. The reservoirs and plant are capable of supplying the greater part of the Irish Free State, and cost over £6,000,000.



Taken at Deauville recently, our picture shows contestants in the beauty contest, Miss America and Miss Europe. They tied for first place.



The Earl of Derby, above, the owner of one of the finest stables in Great Britain, is now touring the race tracks of the United States, with a view to entering some of his own string.



This 265-pound black bass, or jewfish, displayed by Sergeant Noah E. Dillman of Uncle Sam's air service, was caught with rod and line at the foot of Gatun Dam spillway along the Panama Canal.



Henry Ford, slicing the cake at his 66th birthday, at the home of Thomas A. Edison.



Above is seen a winter sport adapted to the summer months. Taken in Moscow, the photo shows a popular new pastime, river-skiing. The skis are baby boats and the operators propel themselves in the same manner as if they were on snow. Summer sports and some are not, of course.

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OPEN AIR CONCERT AT K.F.C.

GIFT TO MR. SPARY DURING EXCELLENT SHOW.

A moon-lit night with a starry sky, good music and, last but not least, the quick way in which the audience responded to the jokes of the humorists, all contributed to the success of the open-air concert of the Kowloon Football Club on Saturday evening.

Despite the many counter-attractions—the V. R. C. night fete and the show at the Theatre Royal—there was a large attendance of members of the Club and their friends, who, to show their appreciation, enthusiastically applauded every one of the 12 items on the programme. Not only did they do that, but they also called for encores and more encores, which the artistes good-naturedly gave.

All the artistes who contributed to the programme acquitted themselves well and it would be difficult to pick out any one for special mention. Messrs. Oscar Eager, V. C. Labrum and Dick Barty "put it across" with their comic songs and stories, keeping the audience in hysterics all the time that they were on the stage.

After young Miss Hynes had sung "A Desert Song," the audience were reluctant to let her go and she had to sing again. She was accompanied on the piano by her sister. The Misses Ho and Nellie Field were also well-received, while Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod successfully appeared on no fewer than three occasions.

Mr. H. Musson, with his bahjo had to respond twice before he was allowed to leave the stage. Singing comic songs and at the same time twanging his strings, Mr. Musson rivalled Barty as the most popular entertainer of the evening.

The accompanists were Messrs. R. Baldwin, T. C. L., and Mr. A. Spary, while Mr. L. A. Jeeves was the stage manager.

A Presentation.

Prior to the last item before the interval, Mr. G. A. Walker, the President of the Kowloon Football Club, announced that he had a pleasant duty to perform. He was requested, he said, to present a gold watch to Mr. A. Spary, one of the football players of the Kowloon F.C., not for his prowess in the football field, but for saving the life of Mr. MacKintosh, a visitor to the Colony, on August 31.

Mr. MacKintosh was swimming off one of the beaches along Castle Peak Road that day. A strong current was running at the time and Mr. MacKintosh soon got into difficulties. He was told, went on the speaker, that the current was so strong that it was difficult to keep standing near the shore. Mr. Spary went to the rescue of Mr. MacKintosh but his brave action might have been of no avail had not several persons on the beach at the time joined hands and formed a chain to which Mr. MacKintosh and his rescuer clung.

Unfortunately, continued Mr. Walker, Mr. MacKintosh was not in the Colony, but had asked him by letter to present to Mr. Spary a gold watch as a memento of his brave deed. The watch was inscribed with the following words: "Presented to Mr. Austin Spary from K. S. MacKintosh as a souvenir of his brave action in saving me from drowning on August 31, 1929."

Mr. Walker added that in his letter, Mr. MacKintosh was enthusiastic in his praise of Mr. Spary, who, to use Mr. MacKintosh's own words, was "not only a hero but a very modest one."

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. PARTY, PARTS, DARTS, DARN, DAWNS, DOWNS, GOWNS.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Suggestions for Morning Wear.



A blouse of natural Shantung is made with a yoke cut in one with the long "shirt" sleeves, and a deep three-quarter belt at the hips over which the blouse pouches slightly; this is worn with a brown chiton-tweed skirt. The second blouse, to accompany a navy cloth skirt, is carried out in blue crepe spotted in red and white, with a tie collar of pleated blue georgette.

The One Room Home.

The number of girls who make for themselves a real home in one room is very considerable. Naturally it needs some thought and care so that even the unattractive essentials are pleasing to the eye. Holders for kettles and saucepans are no exception to this, and they are now sold in sets of two in a little case that hangs on a spot handy to the gas ring. The holders and case are made of artistic crotoné in several designs and shades, so that one can be chosen that harmonises with the colour scheme of the little one-room home.

which were not only irksome, but tended to a narrowness of vision which often made them intolerant of their fellows:

To-day youth has thrown off many of these traditional conventions, which, beginning with good intent, had grown into restraining bands which threatened to retard or even destroy the growth of the body politic. Youth may drink its cocktails, smoke its cigarettes and throw its cap over the windmill sometimes, as the saying goes, but is not this, in nine cases out of ten, a pose, the zest for living somewhat badly expressed?

The good heart is there, and out of the melting-pot of vastly changing conditions will emerge a girl who has the courage of her convictions, who, while looking forward, will never miss, as she goes along, the flowers at her feet, waiting to be picked.

For a Debutante.



This delightful dance model is in lilj-leaf green chiffon. It is exceedingly simple, with a gauged waistline from which fall two flounces—one even and one dipping—bound with self material. The little cape, similarly bound, lends a pretty finish to the V-shape décolletage at the back.

Care-Free or Over-Careful?

(By Mrs. Sam Sloan.)

The modern girl has been kept very much in the public eye. She has been pilloried by her enthusiastic admirers; in fact, a perfect war on paper has been waged over her, but she goes on her way as unconcerned as if she and her doings had never known the limelight.

That sturdy independence is one of her greatest charms—she generally knows what she wants and sets out with a definite purpose to achieve her ends.

She has entered the doorway of womanhood with a wonderful legacy of freedom from restraint, and if she grasps her pleasures with both hands who shall really blame her? Of course, in every age and generation one finds the type that is outre, and thinks it clever to outrage the necessary conventions. So to-day this freedom is, by some, mistaken for license, and bright young people do stupid things which give the modern girl's detractors many pegs upon which to hang indictments.

Foolish Escapade.

Many of these escapades are simply stupid, just the result of the pendulum swinging too far, and irresponsibility running amok.

That the present-day girl is an irresponsible and happy-go-lucky creature we must admit, but is she any the worse for that?

The wiseacres shake their heads over her because she seems to live entirely for the moment with little or no thought for the morrow. But after all it is not she who shows wisdom? Because no one can go through life without experiencing some misfortune and therefore those who have a store

of happy, care-free memories laid by, have something which can never be taken from them.

Some may argue here that this attitude for mind is a bad preparation for the more serious demands of maturer life, but I do not think it is so much a sign of unpreparedness for the future, as a matter of taking things as they come, which after all unconsciously teaches one to take the rough with the smooth.

Preparing for the Future.

In my young days we were brought up to prepare in all things for the future, especially for that proverbial "rainy day" in our fortunes which "might come."

No doubt the idea was sound in theory if practised in moderation, but looking back I realise that it became a perfect fetish with many families. We were all so busy preparing for that "rainy day" that we missed much of the immediate sunshine. We lived in the future with regard to so many even little things.

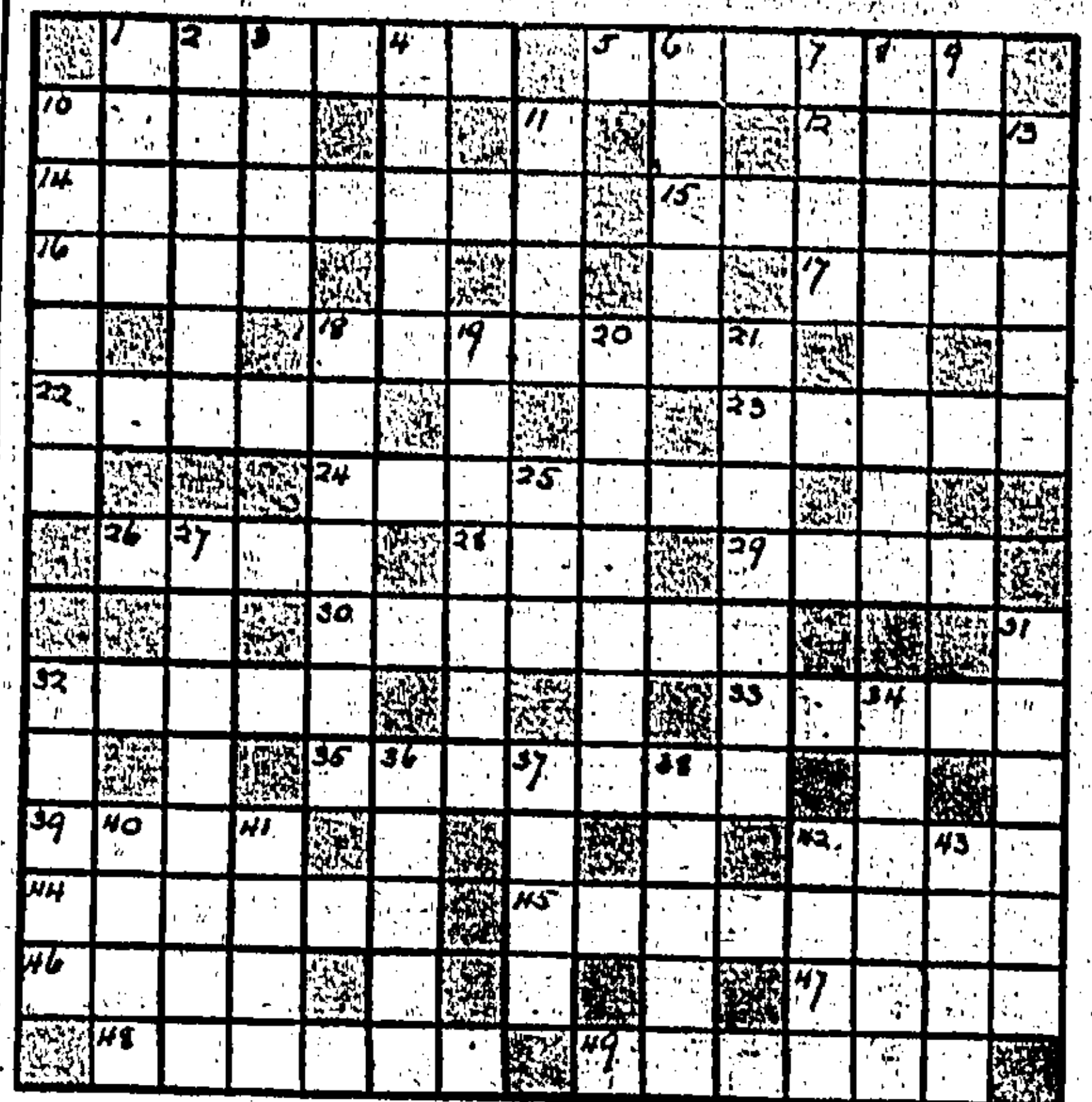
I well remember as a little girl certain pretty frocks which I longed to wear being kept laid away for special future occasions which might arise. I grew very fast, so that when these at last came into general use they had lost much of their pristine glory by having been obviously "let down" and adapted.

Most vices are virtues run to seed. Carefulness up to a point is a virtue which it is well to possess, and one which everyone should practise to a certain degree, but when it is over-emphasised, it becomes a vice which robs life of a very great deal of God-sent happiness.

Necessary Convention.

Convention is another necessity of the community. It keeps the herd within bounds, and assures the good of the mass as well as that of the individual. But for many years women were hide-bound by petty little conventions,

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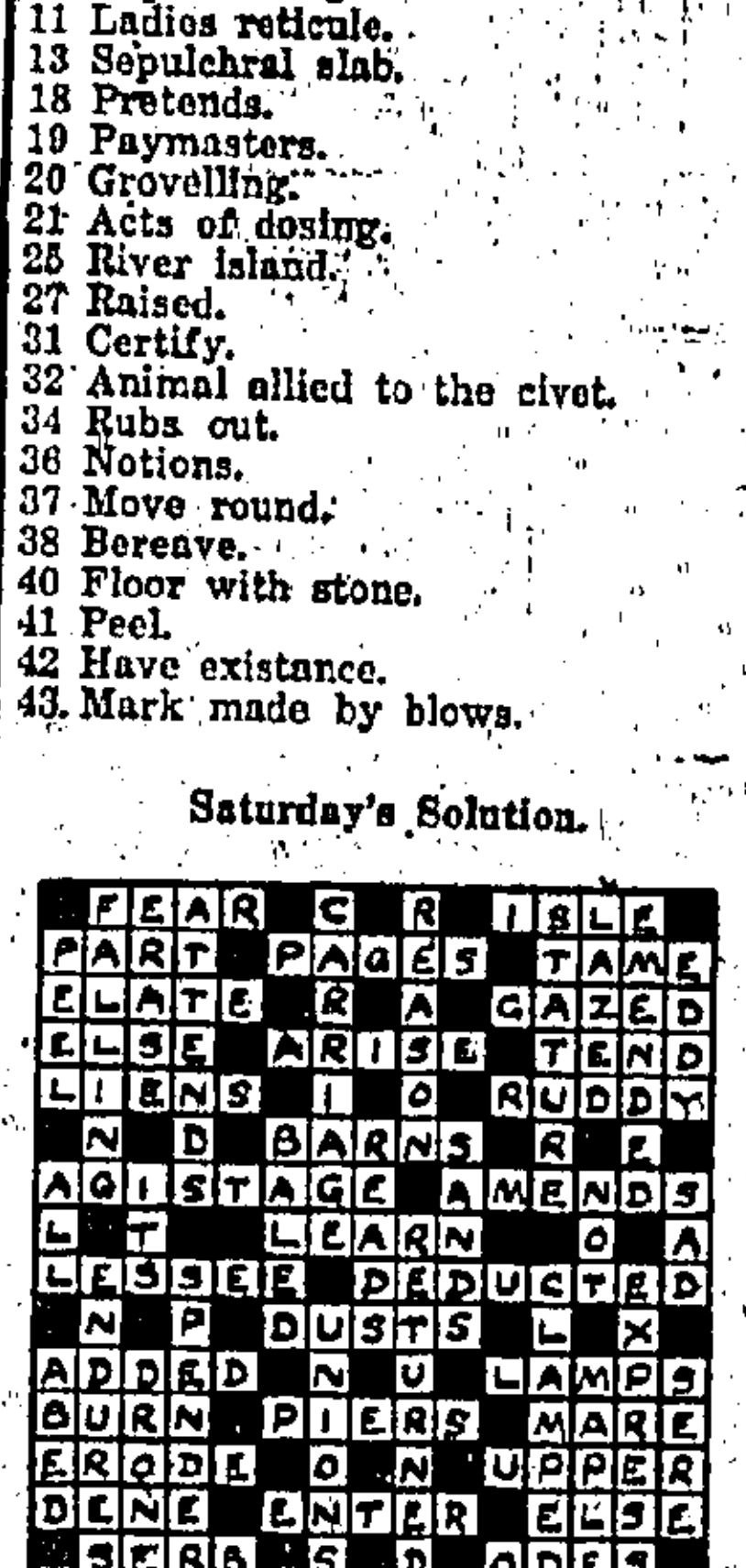
Across.

- 1 Obliterate.
- 5 Commence.
- 10 Extra seed covering.
- 12 Rainbow.
- 14 Complicated knot.
- 15 Frequent.
- 16 Employers.
- 17 Otherwise.
- 18 Despair.
- 22 Organs of smell.
- 23 Fat.
- 24 Mexican shawls.
- 26 Bill of fare.
- 28 Rest on a chair.
- 29 Semi-circular, projection of a building.
- 30 Joining.
- 32 Bailiff.
- 33 Overtune.
- 35 Close relatives.
- 39 Large beam.
- 42 Water-course.
- 44 Inveictive poem.
- 45 Converts into money.
- 46 Equal.
- 47 Market.
- 48 A second pasture.
- 49 Abhor.

Down.

- 1 God of love.
- 2 Streams.
- 3 Alcoholic beverages.
- 4 Eagles.
- 6 Pithy.
- 7 Ascend.
- 8 Small trucks.
- 9 Gentlemen.

Saturday's Solution.



ARMED ROBBERY.

A DARING HOLD-UP AT YAUMATI.

Three armed men successfully carried out a raid on the inmates of No. 28, Cheung Lok Street, Yaumati, on Saturday morning when they subdued the occupants and stole valuables to the amount of approximately \$300.

Admission was gained under the pretext that the men had a message for the master of the house, whose name they gave before the front door was opened to them by the servant. On entering the floor they produced revolvers and daggers and proceeded to bind and gag their victims, all of whom were women.

The robbers ripped the bedding to secure their victims and then ransacked the premises. After relieving the inmates of their personal property they opened boxes and collected jewellery worth about \$250 before they decamped with a haul of \$300.

After they had left the alarm was raised and the victims released on the arrival of the Police.

THE BOTNIA OUTRAGE.

FIRST OFFICER NOW THE ONLY CAPTIVE.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.

The steamer Botnia which stranded on a sand bar and was attacked by bandits, was refloated yesterday evening.

HIP-PATting TO BE STOPPED.

NEW ORDER TO AMERICAN DRY AGENTS.

Washington, Sept. 18.

No longer will customs and prohibition agents, standing at the gang planks of incoming steamers, be allowed to reach out and deftly pat the hips of passengers—either men or women.

Seymour Lowman, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement, ruled to-day that hips cannot be patted indiscriminately. In the future customs and prohibition agents must pat a hip only when they have definite reasons to suspect there is liquor on it.

Mr. Lowman made his ruling as a result of complaints from American newspaper editors who recently returned from a tour of the Orient. The newspapermen alleged that they were subjected to deep embarrassment when customs men gently patted their hips when they arrived in San Francisco.

A little time may be required for customs and prohibition agents to break themselves of a long standing habit, it is reported.

It now transpires that the pirates released all the captives except Captain Hauland and the Chief Officer, Mr. Westerheim, within a few hours. Hence Mr. Westerheim is now the sole remaining captive in the hands of the pirates.—Reuter

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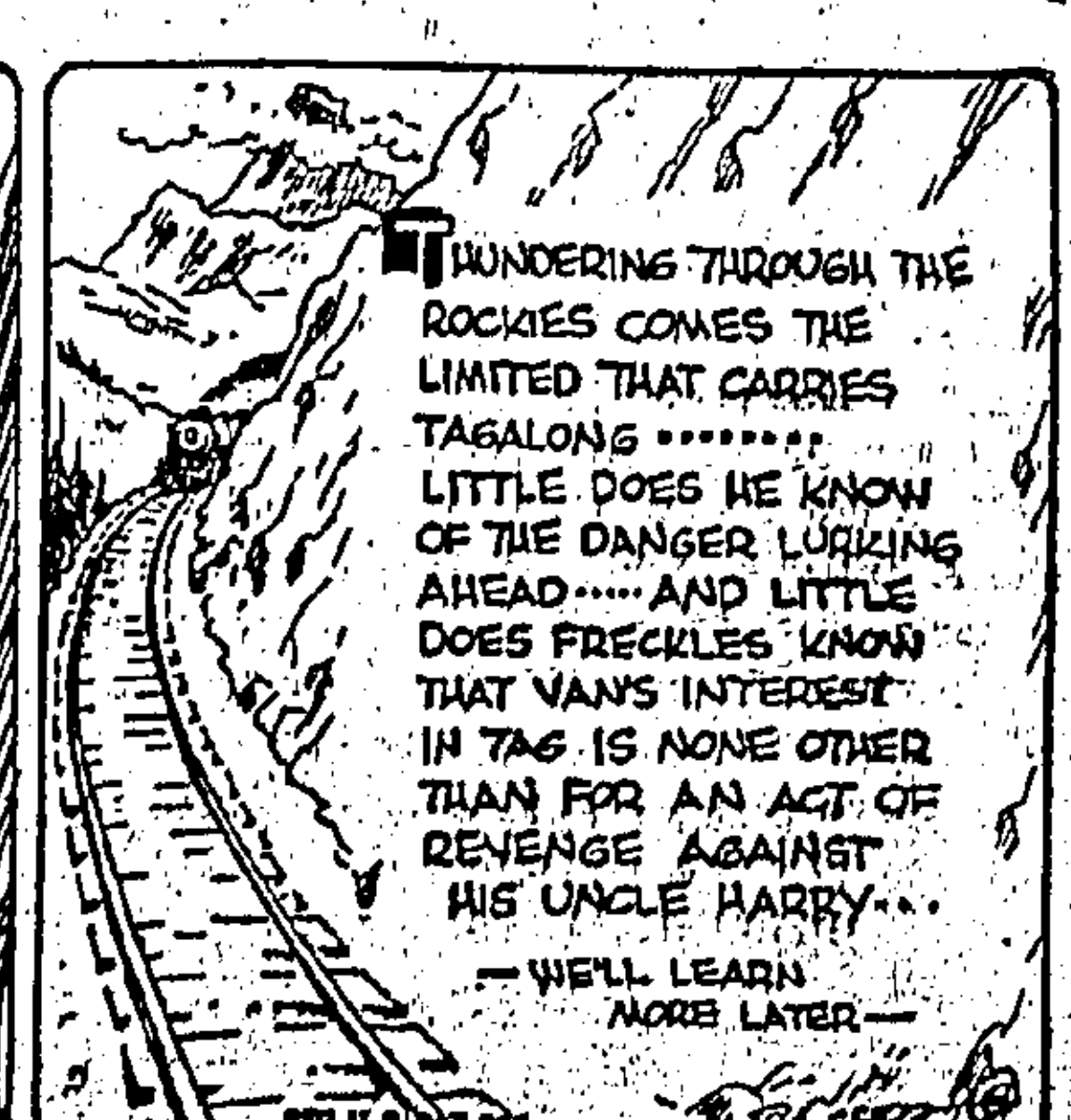
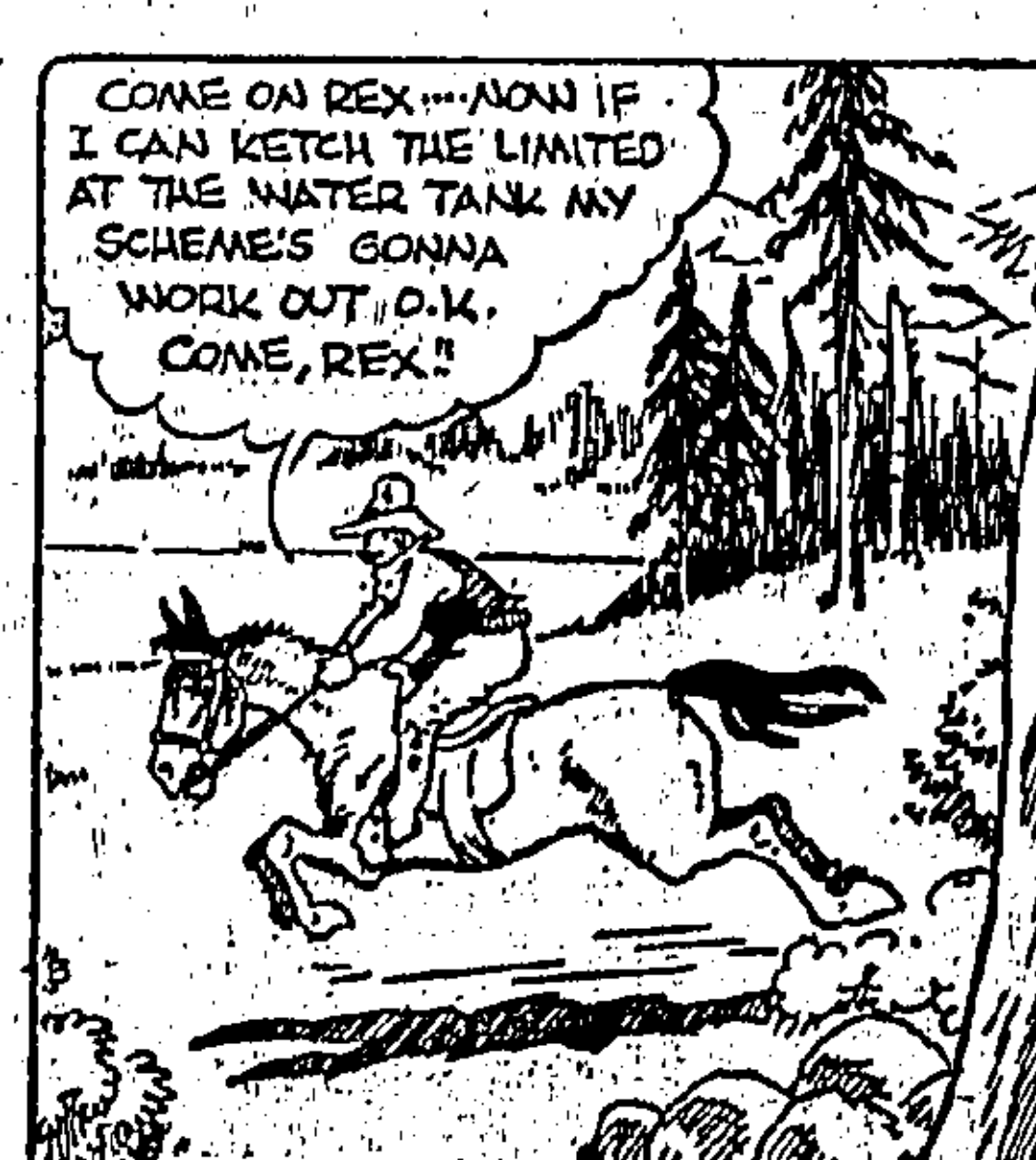
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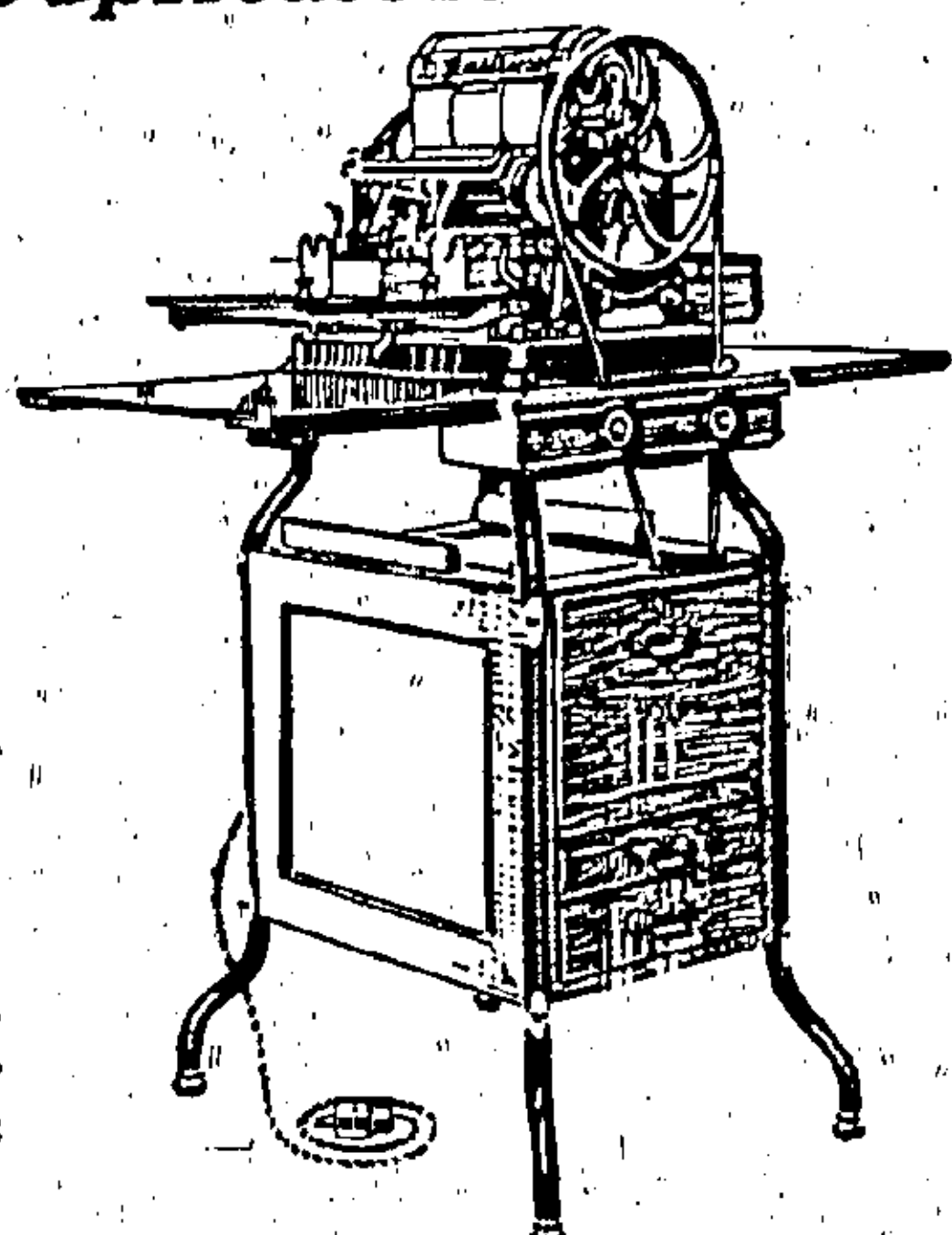
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WATER POLICIES.

A vote which is to come before this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council serves to show that the Government is firmly wedded to the water meter system. A supplementary sum of \$10,000 is being asked for in respect of the provision of some 200 additional meters for Kowloon. It is stated that numerous applications for new metered services are being received on account of the rapid development on the Peninsula. In defence of the vote it is explained that it is revenue-producing, a fact which is well attested by figures showing that the amount received from excess water consumption at Kowloon has risen from \$28,700 for the first quarter of 1927 to \$59,493 for the second quarter of the current year. It is thus very obvious that the income which the Government is receiving from water is steadily growing, and what is true of Kowloon is doubtless true also of the island.

But whilst income steadily increases, expenditure on our waterworks systems also maintains an upward trend. Indeed, if we are to judge by His Excellency's recent statement on the subject, the Government considers that it is not getting nearly enough revenue to offset costs. It is even asserted that the Colony is losing money on its waterworks undertakings. We cannot, however, reconcile ourselves to the method of calculation which seeks to burden the present-day taxpayer with interest on capital outlay long since paid for out of revenue. In fact, if we take the yearly maintenance charges, plus staff salaries (which is all that should count, except for interest on projects financed by loan), we find that the Government is already making a very substantial profit on water. We are going to contend, however, that it is no business of the Government to seek profits out of certain municipal services, and in this category we would certainly place water. Whilst it is true that in certain European cities, the supply of water by meter is favoured, that is not the case in Great Britain. Let us quote a writer in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica", on this point. He says:—"The worst evil of the system, and one which must always prevent its introduction in the United Kingdom, is the circumstance that it treats water as an

article of commerce, to be paid for according to the quantity taken. In the organisation of the best municipal water undertakings in the United Kingdom, the free use of water is encouraged, and it is only leakage, or the occasional improper employment of water, that the water authority seeks, and that successfully, to suppress." The leakage referred to is that which occurs between reservoirs and houses, and that, of course, cannot be detected by any meterage system. If we desire further condemnation of the system we can find it in the remarks contained in an address before the Grand Council of Progress Associations at Brisbane, recently, in which the speaker declared that experience in Sydney had shown that the installation of meters had caused a waste of expenditure in capital outlay without adequate results.

Yet the policy of the Hongkong Government is to extend the use of meters rather than to restrict their employment. His Excellency, in his recent statement on the subject, hinted at the possibility of enforcing universal meterage, with no free allowance whatever. That, to our way of thinking, is a wrong policy. Much rather would we prefer to see meters completely abolished, and, if the Government is still bent on getting more revenue from water, the present water-rate could be slightly increased. Any marked increase would, however, be resented, on the ground that the provision of an adequate water supply under conditions which do not impose needless burdens, is the duty of the authorities. Universal meterage would most certainly be objected to, for the system is full of complications, will lead to endless disputes, and, moreover, absorb a tremendous annual sum in administrative expenses.

The Piracy.

Violently interrupting a long period of immunity from piratical outrages originating from Bias Bay and its vicinity, the successful attack upon the s.s. Deli Maru on Saturday morning is calculated to re-awaken disquiet among shipping firms in South China. It has been brought home only too clearly that the effect of the activities of the Canton Government in Bias Bay has merely been, to force the pirate gangs to adopt new headquarters a little higher up the coast, and that more ventures from Hong Hai Bay must be anticipated unless ruthless action is taken. The story of the attack on the Deli Maru reveals a terrible feature as well as some unusual ones. Three of the Indian guards were shot down in cold blood, mercilessly, without the least sign of resistance having been made. Had they been European guards, such as we understand, are still being carried by steamers plying between Singapore and Hongkong, there is no reason to doubt that the same callous disregard for life would have been exhibited. The advantage must always be with the desperadoes, who choose the time for attack, and the prospect, therefore, is far from pleasant. Finding a solution is a task which has engaged the attention of experts for many years past, without satisfactory result, but we would again urge the desirability of terminating the system of putting guards on duty at isolated points, in favour of a plan of concentration on or near the bridge. The measure of surprise would to some extent be reduced and a chance of effective reply offered. The unique feature of the Deli Maru affair is contained in the fact that the gang, only twelve in number, was led by a young woman, carrying a revolver in each hand, which would seem the extreme limit of the emancipation of women in China! Main interest now lies in the action, if any, to be taken by the Japanese Government. It is the first time in memory that a Japanese steamer has been victimised, though the Japanese Navy has occasionally maintained anti-piracy patrols in the region of Bias Bay.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFE GIVES US NOTHING BETTER THAN KINDLY AND SYMPATHETIC THOUGHTS OF ONE ANOTHER.—*Creighton.*

The return of notifiable diseases for the week-end shows one Chinese case of typhoid.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa from Hongkong arrived at London on the 20th September at 10 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, which is bringing London papers and letters of August 29th and parcels of August 22nd, is due here from Singapore at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Arrested at the Star Ferry wharf in possession of 1,251 post-office lottery tickets a Chinese was fined \$60 or five weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. It was stated that the value of the tickets was \$902.20.

Pleading guilty to keeping a common gaming house at No. 34, Canton Road, a Chinese was fined \$50 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Eleven others were each fined \$3 for playing pai kau, while one man had his bail of \$5 estreated.

Yau Foon, an amah employed by a private resident at the Repulse Bay Hotel, was seriously injured on Saturday in consequence of a fall from the verandah of the first floor of the servants' quarters. She was conveyed to hospital with a fractured skull and serious internal injuries.

The name of Dr. Ivan William Mackinnon has been added to the list of persons qualified to practice medicine in the Colony. Dr. Mackinnon is a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow. His address is given as aboard the Empress of France.

A fight at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf between two coolies had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the two men were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith with disorderly conduct. It was stated that both men had already spent two nights in the cells. His Worship cautioned them both.

On being convicted of a charge of assaulting a Chinese detective, a man who was seen loitering in an alleyway in Hunghom, was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was stated to have refused to submit to a search and struggled with the detective, biting one of his fingers.

Mr. P. Sands, M.A. (Cantab.) was to have been ordained to Deacon's Orders yesterday in St. Paul's Church, Leamington Spa, by the Bishop of Coventry. The Vicar of the Church is the Rev. Geo. E. Arrowsmith, M.A., F.R.G.S., a former Assistant Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, when the Rev. G. Reginald Lindsay, M.A., was Vicar.

Three women and three men were stated, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to have had a fight over a debt of \$1,000 which one of the men owed to another. The parties went to the Police Station but were told to take civil action for the recovery of the money. After leaving the station, they indulged in a free fight. All defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

WHOLESALE THEFT OF GAS LAMPS.

GAS CO. WORKER SENT TO GAOL.

During the past month, in May Road, Magazine Gap and other outlying districts no fewer than 19 gas lamps have been dismantled by thieves and damage done to the extent of \$308.

This morning, before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, Detective Sergeant Platt charged a Chinese, who described himself as being a Gas Company workman, with the possession of lead parts, such parts fitting in with certain gas lamps that had been damaged through theft. Accused pleaded guilty. Mr. Bolton, of the P.W.D., asked for a serious view to be taken of the case, stating that there had been much trouble between the P.W.D. and the Gas Company, on account of the Government Department refusing to pay the Company for lamps which were not lit. Sentences of six weeks' hard labour was inflicted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Musical Jottings."

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—If the facts about the recent visit of an Italian pianist are as stated by "Musical Critic," it would be wrong to describe him as a "world-touring artist," but my own impression was that he had come from Europe and was going on to New Zealand, and the posters gave a false idea of his abilities. However, this does not alter the fact that his programme was a good one, which is all that seems to count with your correspondent.

I grant that in nearly every case a solo artist touring the world must be a fine musician with a reputation. It might be assumed that nineteen out of twenty would deserve backing from the Musical Society on their merits as musicians. They could be relied upon to give fair coverage programmes, which would be worth hearing, though everyone would have his own ideas as to how different the selection might be. But I see no grounds for the objection that it is useless for the H.K.M.S. to recommend musicians unless the programme is given at the same time. For one thing, it is exceedingly difficult to get the details of a programme well in advance, and even then they are liable to considerable alteration when the artist arrives here, on account of the instrument, the hall, the climate or the performer's own feelings. Is the Society to thwart its object of giving timely notice of concerts by waiting until it can give the programme details—which can be seen by anybody in the press?

I was glad to see your correspondent's tribute to the work being done by the Society, but his complaint that it backs artists "of all sorts" is without foundation. The Society has been in existence only eight months, during which time it has "backed" William Heughan, La Argentina, Galli-Curci and Segovia. It is now going to support the Spanish tenor, Pleta. Only one of these is not a musician, and she, Argentina, the dancer, was to give a performance especially likely to appeal to music-lovers, each dance being to the accompaniment of good music from an excellent pianist, who also played solo. Seemingly the only kind of notice worth sending to "Musical Critic" would be "Piano Recital of Classical Works (details at foot) at City Hall on — at 9.15. Price \$4. The name of the artist will be announced after the concert."

This, presumably, would fill the hall with music-lovers. I wonder! If so, I'm tempted to try the experiment myself. The box-office receipts would be most satisfactory, and everyone would be in a state of high expectation—until I started to play!—Yours, etc.,

ALLEGRO.
Hongkong, Sept. 21st, 1929.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police state:

Chinese Company.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, September 25th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under L/Sergeant R48 Ts'o Chi On. Dress—Muff.

Indian Company.

Recruits Parade.—All recruits of the Indian Company will attend Police Headquarters for squad drill under Sergeant P. Condon, on Tuesday, September 24th, and October 1st, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Muff.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, October 1st, for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—White Uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The fortnightly patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, September 24th. Fall in the Tai-mat-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

The next fortnightly patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, October 3rd. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Members of this Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, September 29th, at 10.00 a.m. Belts and Holsters to be worn. Two prizes have been donated for competition at this shoot.
(Sd.) W. KENT, A. S. P. Adjutant.

The Very Idea!

Despite an intensive search, a smart young Cardiff newsboy managed to stowaway on the Discovery, which left on August 10, for the Antarctic. He was only found when the pilot boat was about to return to Barry.

Leslie Sutton (aged 14 years) hid under the tarpaulin cover of a lifeboat. This was actually searched for a stowaway, but he curled himself up in a dark corner, and was not noticed. Later a member of the crew heard an unusual noise which at first was attributed to moving cargo, but a search revealed Leslie, whose face was black with soot. Despite his pleading the boy was packed off into the pilot boat to Barry, and then to Cardiff, by aid of money subscribed by members of the crew of the Discovery.

Leslie says: "I am bitterly disappointed, I begged them to let me stay, but they would not. I wanted to see the world."

A lot of sun
A lot of sand
Upon the strand;
A lot of dips
(Two every day).
Not many trips,
No skies of grey;
A jolly spot
For Jack and Jill
Where there is not
A heavy bill!

Mr. J. Maxton, M.P., speaking at the meeting of the Independent Labour Party at Weymouth, said: "There are only 30,000 Socialists in Britain prepared to work for a Socialist Commonwealth. Numbers who voted for Labour at the election are not prepared to accept the Socialist view of life."

Assistant: "Yes, sir, those socks, will give perfect satisfaction. I've worn them myself for the last two months."

Customer: "Have you a pair like them that you haven't worn so long?"

The choir of the small parish of St. Michael-on-the-Hill, Llanfihangel, Montgomeryshire, which won the first prize in the church choir class at the Welsh Eisteddfod numbers only 27 singers. There are not more than 50 communicants in the tiny hillside parish, the population of which is but 400.

The vicar of Llanfihangel, Canon J. R. Roberts, combines the duties of parish priest and choirmaster.

"It is impossible to imagine a more thoroughly Welsh rustic choir," Canon Roberts said, "but they have glorious voices and the musical instincts of the Welsh hill-folk, since their ancestors were wandering minstrels. They live in hill farms, and they had to walk as many as five miles for practice. To get in time for the competition we had to leave home at 3 a.m."

A famous merchant was asked about his success and about his contented help. He said:

"The secret is: treat your money and your employees just alike. Keep them busy, or they lose interest."

WHO WAS?

Mr. Turveydrop.

To define the profession of Samuel Turveydrop, it will be necessary to go outside the usual classifications. He devoted all his waking energies to the picturesque task of being a model of deportment. Elegantly arrayed in clothes of extravagant cut, "pinched in, swelled out, got up, and strapped down as much as he could possibly bear," complete with every smallest adjunct of fashionable attire, cane, eyeglass, snuff-box, rings, wristbands and the like, he paraded his wonderful deportment at the exclusive spas, where he could at once see, and be seen of, the other aspirants to deportment distinction.

But the profession of a model of deportment is not a lucrative one, being all expense and no returns, so Mr. Turveydrop was fortunate in his wife, a hard-working little dancing-mistress. The fond, foolish creature wore herself out supporting him, and when she died their son Prince good-naturedly shouldered the task of keeping his impressive parent in expensive uselessness.

The character of Samuel Turveydrop occurs in Dickens's "Bleak House." This exquisite type of gentleman flourished most particularly in the superficial society of the Regency period.

P.W.D. WATCHMAN'S TRANSACTIONS.**MONEY-LENDER SUES ON HIS BEHALF.****TWO ACTIONS FAIL.**

Two actions brought by Hakam Singh, money-lender, for a total of \$124.80 failed before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Summary Court this morning, in the Lordship holding that the transactions were between Teja Singh, a watchman employed by the P.W.D., and defendants.

During the hearing it was alleged by the defence that Teja Singh, being debarré from lending money by reason of his employment, had given the note to Hakam Singh to let him sue for the money. All parties conducted their own cases.

The defendant in the first case was Ching Luk, a P.W.D. motor lorry driver, who was sued for \$62.40, \$50 principal and \$2.40 interest. In the second case, Hakam Singh sued Ching Luk and Cheong Yee, as guarantor, on another note for a similar amount.

Plaintiff said he had been a registered money-lender for nearly nine years and the present transaction was the first he had had with defendant. The English writing on the note was written by a friend whose name he could not remember, and the Chinese characters were written by defendant. When the note was given, plaintiff handed over \$30 in cash.

In cross-examination, defendant stated that he had never borrowed from plaintiff, but had received the money from Teja Singh, a watchman employed in the P.W.D. Plaintiff denied this.

Teja Singh, who appeared under subpoena, stated that he had never lent money to defendant and he had not lent any to plaintiff.

Defendant's Story.

Giving evidence, defendant said he had been a lorry driver in the P.W.D. for nearly four years. He signed the note and wrote the Chinese characters. He put his signature to it on May 20 and the money was handed over to him by Teja Singh at the same time, the transaction taking place in Teja Singh's quarters.

Defendant continued that when he signed the note it was a blank sheet of paper and he handed the document to Teja Singh. He received \$20.

His Lordship asked why defendant had signed for \$60, instead of \$40, if he only received \$20.

Defendant replied that Teja Singh wanted him to sign for that amount because he had previously borrowed \$10 for which no note was given.

When asked if he wanted to question defendant, Hakam Singh said the story told was not true. He added that he had had one action dismissed and now he was very careful.

Lorry Number on Note

His Lordship pointed out a number on the note, 827, defendant explaining that that was the number of his lorry, which Teja Singh asked him to write down.

If you had borrowed money from a P.W.D. watchman it would not have been necessary to put down your lorry number, I don't know. He wanted me to do so.

You have put down your wages at \$45. Yes.

He knew your wages; didn't he?—He knew.

Why did he ask you to put them down?—He said he wanted me to do so as proof.

Addressing plaintiff, his Lordship said he believed the defendant's story. It was quite clear that the transaction was with Teja Singh and not with plaintiff. There were two reasons why Hakam Singh could not succeed, firstly, because the note was bad, there being a false date on it; and secondly, because the transaction was with Teja Singh and not plaintiff. Judgment would therefore be given for the defendant.

The Second Note.

Giving evidence with regard to the second note, Hakam Singh said it was written by Tahl Singh, living at a house in Wanchai.

While it was being written, both defendants were outside, and afterwards plaintiff took them to his registered address where he advanced \$30 to Cheong Yee on the guarantee of Ching Luk. The money was actually received by Ching Luk, but he handed it to Cheong Yee. Both men signed the note before the money was given and nothing had been repaid.

Ching Luk put up the same defence, and Teja Singh again denied, in the witness box, that he had lent money to Ching Luk. Defendant alleged that as a Government employee Teja Singh could not sue, so he had given the note to Hakam Singh to take to Court.

The first defendant, in evidence, admitted that he signed the note under another name, Chan Fook, and, in fact, he signed the note twice. First of all he signed his proper name Ching Luk on June 17 at Teja Singh's quarters, but Teja Singh would not give the money then, and two or three days

EIGHTY YEARS OF PREACHING.**CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION NEAR SWATOW.****PROGRESS REPORTED.**

Swatow, Sept. 19. The local Presbytery of the Church of Christ in China has been celebrating the 80th anniversary of Christian preaching in this district.

A large and representative gathering was held in the fishing village of Yam-tsan where the first convert was won in 1849 by Dr. Lechler, a pioneer of the Basel Missionary Society. The congregation now numbers 280 adult members. It is self-supporting and has just opened a new church and schools at a cost of \$20,000, all drawn from Chinese sources.

The sons of the first convert are still alive; one is a doctor, specially skilled in ophthalmic operations; another is the senior minister of the Presbytery; yet another is a preacher in Singapore.

In a village of some 5,000 inhabitants, the Christian community, which with adherents and children makes a considerable proportion of the whole, holds a position of some influence, and in addition has sent out a large number of workers into the Church. Its progress is a signal instance of work which has, in spite of apparent failure, proved fruitful.

For after four and a half troubled years Dr. Lechler left the district, doubtful if any good had been done. But a few years later, the pioneer of the English Presbyterian Mission, William Chalmers Burns, arrived and the first convert got into touch with him.

The Church thus founded has now some 130 congregations, with a communicant membership of some 6,000, and is incorporated with the Church of Christ in China, whose General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Kepler, attended this celebration.

It is pleasant to think that in later years Dr. Lechler visited the congregation. "I left you," he said, speaking with great emotion, "but Christ did not."

In the disastrous typhoon of August 1923, the tidal wave which swept Swatow and the coast took a toll of over a hundred lives belonging to this congregation. It met the visitation with courage and fortitude, and its membership has since increased.—Our Own Correspondent.

VALET TO KING EDWARD.**SUICIDE OF AN OLD ROYAL SERVANT.**

The circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Miedinger, aged 76, of High-road, Leyton, who for 33 years was valet to King Edward, recently formed the subject of an inquest at Whipps Cross.

Mrs. Annie Cass, Mr. Miedinger's housekeeper, said that he had been very depressed of late. On the morning of the 7th she took him a cup of tea and then went out for the day. When she returned in the evening she found Mr. Miedinger lying on the floor of the cellar with his throat and both wrists cut.

Dr. Ambrose, in recording a verdict of suicide, said that the poor man had lost nearly all his nearest relatives, and apparently thought that he was too old to go on.

Afterwards asked defendant to sign another name. He signed "Chan Fook," and at Teja Singh's request brought Cheong Yee as a witness. The piece of paper bearing the signature "Ching Luk" was torn off. He further stated that he had the transaction with Teja Singh and not with plaintiff.

Cheong Yee said he signed the note as a witness and not as a guarantor in the presence of Teja Singh and Ching Luk. Plaintiff, he said, was not then present.

To Defraud Lender?

In giving judgment for defendants, his Lordship said both admitted having signed the note and he found that Cheong Yee signed as a witness, the Chinese characters bearing that meaning being on the note. His Lordship added it was possible in adding those characters he had taken part in defrauding the lender, but that did not concern his Lordship in the present case. So far as Cheong Yee was concerned, judgment would be given in his favour.

His Lordship further found that Ching Luk signed the note as the principal. He believed the story told by Ching Luk and he thought that the story told by plaintiff was not a true story. His Lordship added that he was of opinion that the note was prepared for a similar purpose to the other note, that the transaction was not with Hakam Singh but with Teja Singh. The note was bad and judgment would be given for Ching Luk.

OUTRAGES IN THE INTERIOR.

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who seized him near Loyand. He was very badly ill-treated, was compelled to witness revolting cruelties to Chinese prisoners, and was finally released on payment of a ransom of \$3,000, after \$50,000 had been demanded.

On August 9, Dr. Henry C. Wesche, an American, belonging to the National Holiness Mission, was carried off from Tungchangtu, western Shantung, and released after six days, one of the bandits' conditions being their enrolment in the Nationalist army.

On August 19, at Sunler, Shantung, Dr. Tucker, of Tehchow, Mr. Wickes, of Lintsing, and some Chinese assistants, engaged on female relief work, were held for a night by bandits, the personal influence of the bandit chief alone securing safety for the foreigners when he had recognized in them men who had done good work for the poorer Chinese. The party, however, were robbed by others of the band when the chief was absent.

On August 17, the Rev. Kilpper, Fischer (both German) and Walter (Swiss) were captured at Kiyungchow, on the Kuangtung-Fukien border. Further information is still lacking.

In the latter part of August, Messrs. E. M. Burton (Butterfield & Swire) and L. H. C. Godfrey (Commercial Union Insurance Co.), Insurance Inspectors, were captured by brigands on the Sungari river, north of Harbin. Exorbitant demands were made for ransom and the captives were released after being held for about a fortnight, presumably after ransom money had been paid, though much secrecy was observed and newspapers were declared to have been in fault in even mentioning the bandits' demands.

On September 12, five officers of the Norwegian str. Botnia were captured when the vessel was pirated at Maichow. A ransom of \$1,500,000 has been demanded, with the threat to kill the captives if the money is not forthcoming within ten days.

Robberies With Violence.

In January, the Misses Allibone, Tucker and Darby, missionaries in Szechuan, were held up by bandits near Tachou, after shots had been fired at them, and robbed.

On January 7, bandits raided the house of Dr. F. F. Tucker, of the Famine Relief Commission (American Board Mission), Tehchow, Shantung, badly ill-treated Mrs. Tucker and her son, and stole a considerable sum of money.

Early in April, whilst rival bodies of irresponsible troops were battling for the possession of Changteh, Hunan, Mr. L. H. Gabb, an inspector of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was captured, bound, and kept without food or clothing for eighteen hours, finally escaping with a severe wound.

On April 13, Ninghsia, Kansu, was captured by bandits, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Scoville, Mrs. Nyström, and a Catholic father were kept virtual prisoners for 23 days, during which they were compelled to do much menial work, to feast a 19-year-old brigand, chief, and to argue against demands for money, finally being compelled to make peace between the bandits and a punitive army.

The Hon. Treasurer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade acknowledges the receipt of \$50 from Mr. Li Yik-miu.

HAKKA NAME FOR BACHELORS.**UNMARRIED MEN KNOWN AS "SMALL BOYS."****AN ASSAULT CASE.**

An earth-carrying coolie was referred to in a case at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning as a "small boy" who had been assaulted by a fellow-worker, resulting in two of the friends of the first man taking the law into their own hands and setting upon the alleged assailant.

Two young Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on a charge of assault and said they attacked the complainant because he had struck a small boy.

His Worship requested that the small boy be brought into Court, and was surprised to discover that the person referred to was a coolie.

His Worship (to the complainant)—Is that right, that you struck the "small" boy?

Complainant—We had a fight. He struck me first and I struck him back.

His Worship—What does the "small boy" say?

The man referred to replied that the complainant had had no business to hit him.

Nearly Killed.

The mother of the "small boy" interposed and said it had been terrible. The boy had been nearly killed.

His Worship (to first defendant)—How did you come on the scene? Did the "small boy" tell you?

First Defendant—Somebody told us.

His Worship—And you deliberately went to find this man (complainant)?

First Defendant—We went to find out what happened. In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Sherry said the "small boy" complained of having been assaulted, but he had refused to go to hospital for treatment.

The complainant, when asked, admitted that he had struck the "small boy."

Name Explained.

His Worship (to interpreter)—Ask the "small boy" how old he is?

Interpreter—22.

His Worship (to the first defendant)—Why do you call him a "small boy"?

First defendant—He is not married.

The Court interpreter explained to his Worship that it was a Hakka custom to refer to men as "small boys" if they were not married. The complainant and the two defendants were all ordered to sign personal bonds in the sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

"VIVID IMAGINATIONS OF LITTLE BOYS."**CHARGE AGAINST HEADMASTER DISMISSED.**

A charge against Edward Charles Todd, aged 68, a headmaster, of Barton-street, Moss Side, Manchester, of assaulting a boy of twelve was dismissed at Southend recently.

The boy, who was on holiday, said Todd accosted him in the Kursaal, treated him to a ride at a side show, and later assaulted him in a shelter on the promenade.

Edward Buckland, a tailor, of Hackney-road, London, E., who was in the shelter with his wife, said Todd was chased by a hostile

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KIDNAPPING CASE AT KOWLOON.**WOMAN AND TWO MEN IN THE DOCK.****INTERRUPTED WALK.**

Sophia Mohammed, described as a Chinese-Indian, and two Chinese men appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges arising out of the alleged kidnapping of a small boy from No. 555, Canton Road.

The woman and one of the men were charged with kidnapping, while the two men were alleged to have harboured the boy in Nam Hang village, Tai-po.

The defendants all denied the charges.

Detective Sergeant Fitches said the woman formerly resided with the complainant in Canton Road. The boy was then very small and she used to take him out for walks. During the course of these walks, she took him to see the Indian Sergeant Major at the Central Police Station.

The woman left the complainant about four years ago and had not been seen until September 18 when she called on her former tenant, asking to be allowed to take the boy out for a walk.

The complainant said the boy was now big and at school. The woman went away, but the following day she met the boy on his way back from school. As they had known each other before, she spoke to the lad and suggested that they should go to see the Indian Sergeant Major, where the boy would be given some clothes.

The boy consented, but instead of going to the Central Police Station he was taken to the Yau-mai Railway Station, where they met the second defendant. The boy then began to get suspicious and pointed out to the woman that that was not the way to the Central Police Station. Thereupon the second defendant struck the boy and told him that he was to go with them.

The party went to Tai-po and stayed at the third defendant's hut. During the night, the boy alleged that he overheard the three talk about selling him to a man in Fanning. He got terrified and the next day when he was being taken across the paddy fields he shouted "Save life." One of the village scouts heard the lad's cries and had the first and second defendants arrested. They were taken to the Tai-po Police Station where the woman said she was taking the boy to look for the Indian Sergeant Major.

Detective Sergeant Fitches pointed out to his Worship that the woman knew the Sergeant Major was stationed at the Central Police Station. He had never been stationed at Tai-po.

After hearing part of the evidence, his Worship adjourned the case till this afternoon.

WEIRD HAPPENINGS.**UNTRACED FOOTSTEPS, RAPPINGS AND HOWLS.**

Wellingborough, Aug. 13.

The village of Little Ilchester, just outside here, is experiencing thrills that would do credit to any novelist.

Mysterious footsteps in the dark hours, rappings on doors and weird howls began over the holiday week-end, when Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, lodgers at a house in Milton-road, were left alone while the occupiers were away.

At midnight came a gentle rattle on the front door, but when it was opened no one was there.

Since then unaccountable experiences have followed in quick succession. Early one morning heavy footsteps were heard descending the stairs, and the front door was violently slammed. There was no clue to the noises.

Fruitless Watch. A watch kept during the next day revealed nothing, but at midnight the door rattling began again, and the occupants ran outside, to find no one about. They returned to find wet-footsteps all over the kitchen floor and silver from the cupboards scattered everywhere.

On another night the weird manifestations were repeated when a dozen persons were in the house. The villagers do not know whether to attribute the matter to spiritualist manifestations or the efforts of a clever practical joker.

crowd, who forced him to approach a policeman.

Todd, who said he was headmaster at a mixed school, denied being at the Kursaal. In the shelter he told the boy it was late for him to be out and placed his hand on his knee. "He was dealing with boys every day. This boy said he would call a policeman, and he (Todd) rose indignantly and walked away."

Mr. W. F. Beasley, for Todd, said little boys were gifted with a very vivid imagination.

"They think things have happened when they are not even about to happen," he said. "The boy is just at an age when he thinks he knows a lot."

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BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

WEEK'S RESULTS IN STEEL
COULSON TOURNEY.

The Steel Coulson Billiards League is nearing the end with St. Patrick's Club in an unassailable position. The full results of last week's matches were:

Tuesday.			
Hongkong Police.		R.A.O.B.	
Bradsell	110	Howells	150
Blakey	141	Earnshaw	150
Fonder	150	Graham	134
Wynne	150	Oxenham	100
Ellis	150	Vallis	89
Sherry	150	Gallagher	123
Total	851	Total	746
Wednesday..			
R.A.O.B.		Hongkong Police	
Howells	150	Bradsell	150
Earnshaw	150	Blakey	150
Graham	150	Fonder	134
Franks	150	Wynne	100
Stevens	150	Whant	89
Gallagher	134	Wynne	123
Total	835	Total	746

Thursday.	
Police Reserve	Garrison Sergt
Mow Fung 99	Sharpe
Cheah 130	Hodson
C. Sinn 150	Benzeval
Kwok 150	Ashman
Pong 150	Jordan
I 147	Ward

Leung	147	Ward	150
Total	826	Total	696
R.A.O.B.		Craigengower	
Howells	102	Kew	150
Earnshaw	150	Ribeiro	150
Oxenham	150	Reed	150
Graham	150	Kelly	150
Stevens	150	Zimmern	113
Dowman	113	Kitchell	
Total	815	Total	

C. & P. O. Club.	R.E. Sergeants.
Petherick	100 Royal
Newcombe	58 Pycock
Fairburn	150 Lockyer
Hamblyn	150 Bevan
Fox	150 Peachey
Scarle	150 Leppard
Total	758 Total

Friday.			
Craigengower		R. A. O. B.	
Ribeiro	150	Earnshaw	
Kitchell	113	Howells	
Kew	150	Dowman.	
Soares	136	Lacey	
Kelly	131	Franks	
Zimmerman	150	Stevens	
Total	820	Total	

1000			
R.E. Sergts. Mess.	130	C. & P.O. Clu	
Bevan	140	Scarle	
Peachey	128	Newcombe	
Royal	150	Fox	
Leppard	150	Ryder "	
Loekyer	137	Fairblryn	
Pycock	150	Fairbrn	
Total	855	Total	
Garrison Sergts.		H.K. Police Re	
Jordan	150	Wong	
Hodson	135	Kwok	
Benzeval	115	Leung	
Sharpe	110	Pong	
Ashman	117	Sinn	

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S
GAMES.

The results of Saturday's Home football matches as cabled by Reuter were:

First Division.		
Birmingham	5	Newcastle
Bolton	2	Portsmouth
Burnley	1	Aston Villa
Everton	2	Manchester C.
Grimby	0	Middlesbrough
Huddersfield	2	Sheffield U.
Leicester	1	Blackburn
Manchester U.	1	Liverpool
Wednesday	1	Leeds
Sunderland	0	Arsenal
West Ham	2	Derby

Second Division.			
Bradford	4	Barnsley	4
Bristol C.	4	Hull	0
Cardiff	0	Wolves	0
Millwall	2	Notts. Forest	2
Notts. County	4	Charlton	0
Oldham	0	Reading	0
Preston N.E.	5	Stoke	0
Southampton	4	Chelsea	1
Swansea	5	Bradford C.	2
Tottenham	2	Bury	1
West. Ham.	5	Blackpool	1

Third Division (South).			
Bournemouth	5	Luton	1
Fulham	1	Northampton	0
Merthyr	1	Bristol R.	0
Newport	0	Clapton O.	0
Norwich	2	Gillingham	0
Plymouth	1	Brighton	0
Queen's P.R.	2	Exeter	1
Swindon	3	Crystal Pal.	1
Torquay	2	Brentford	3
Walsall	1	Southend	3
	1	Coventry	3

Watford	1	Coventry	0
Third Division (North).			
Accrington	3	Tranmere	0
Barrow	3	Wrexham	0
Crewe	4	Doncaster	0
Darlington	1	Lincoln	0
Hartlepool	0	Chesterfield	1
New Brighton	2	Carlisle	0
Port Vale	4	Wigan	0
Rochdale	1	Rotherham	0
Sth. Shields	1	Halifax	0
Stockport	6	Nelson	1

York	0	Southport
Scottish League.		
Aberdeen	5	Morton
Celtic	1	Dundee
Dundee U.	2	Queen's Park
Falkirk	1	Ayr
Gilbertfords	1	Clyde
Kilmarnock	1	Rangers
Motherwell	2	Airdrie
Partick	2	Hearts
St. Johnstone	2	Hamilton
St. Mirren	2	Cowdenbeath

Ward	112	Cheah	150
Total	740	Total	885
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HONGKONG BUILT.

THE S.S. TAIYUAN LAUNCHED AT TAIKOO.

An interesting launching took place on Saturday at Taikoo, when the new S.S. Taiyuan took the water. The vessel bears an interesting name. A Taiyuan ran for many years on the Australian run. The new Taiyuan is, however, intended for the coastal run and has been constructed to the order of the China Navigation Company. She is the first of a new class of vessels designated the "Y" class, to distinguish them from the well-known and popular "S" class. She will be engaged on the Shanghai-Canton run, and it is hoped to have her on the run about the beginning of December.

The Taiyuan is 325 feet in length, with a beam of 45 feet and depth moulded to upper deck of 24 feet 9 inches, carrying a deadweight of about 3,300 tons on 15 feet draft. The vessel is built on the deep framed system and has two complete decks and poop, bridge, and forecastle. The scantlings of the vessel have been approved by the British Corporation and generally supervised during construction by the Hongkong Government to obtain their Passenger Certificate.

Accommodation.

Accommodation for the crew has been arranged forward, and great care has been taken to provide against piracy, the upper deck passengers being completely shut off from access to the bridge, engine room or forward midship. A second class saloon and state rooms for 34 passengers have been provided, the staterooms being large and airy, each being provided with two side scuttles. The first class saloon and eight single berth cabins have been arranged at forward end of bridge deck while the officers and engineers are berthed at aft end of bridge. Captain's house, chart room and wireless room are on the boat deck. The compressor's staff is in the poop.

The vessel is provided with steam windlass and capstan forward, also a warping capstan aft on poop. Steam steering gear is housed in poop and actuated from bridge by telemotor gear. Eight steam winches have been provided to work eight steel derricks, one 15 ton derrick and one 30 ton derrick.

The vessel is rigged as a two-masted schooner and fitted with reciprocating engines driving one shaft and capable of driving the vessel at a speed of over 11 knots loaded.

Machinery and boilers have been constructed entirely by The Taikoo Dockyard.

LARGEST BANK

FURTHER DETAILS OF BIG AMALGAMATION.

On Friday Reuter cabled from New York reporting the formation of what is claimed to be the largest bank in the world, with resources estimated at \$2,500,000,000 with the amalgamation of the National City Bank of New York with the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company.

The Hongkong branch of the National City Bank has received further details from New York office, as follows:

Mr. C. E. Mitchell, Chairman of The National City Bank of New York, and Mr. W. E. Frew, Chairman of the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, New York, announce that the Directors of their respective institutions have approved of a consolidation of the two institutions subject to the approval of their respective shareholders, on a basis of four fifths share of The National City Bank of New York, for one share of the

THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

THE BRITISH INVITATION TO JAPAN.

Tokyo, Sept. 21.

While confirmation of the British invitation to Japan to engage in preliminary negotiations similar to the British-American conversations is not forthcoming, it is officially admitted that Baron Matsudaira, (Ambassador in London) has requested certain instructions, which were sent yesterday.

Though officials are unable to reveal the nature of these instructions, well-informed quarters believe that they are concerned with the British invitation to Japan to express her views regarding the outcome of the MacDonald-Dawson conversations, details of which are known to have been communicated to Baron Matsudaira by Downing Street.

The Shearer Case.

Washington, Sept. 21.

Mr. Clinton L. Bardo, Vice-President of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, who was the first witness to appear at the Senatorial investigation into the Shearer scandal, said that three companies sent Mr. Shearer to Geneva as an observer and report the unpublished proceedings. They agreed to pay him \$25,000. Mr. Shearer's connexion was terminated when it became apparent that he was evidently determined to fasten himself on the shipbuilders.

Mr. Bardo demurred when Senator Allen demanded the production of the record of the payments to Mr. Shearer, but finally agreed to comply.

He admitted that American shipbuilders had spent \$143,000 in promoting the passage of the Jones-White Merchant Marine Act of 1920, whereby American shipping secured advantages which practically amounted to subsidies.

It is alleged by Shearer that he was sent to Geneva in 1927 to wreck the naval limitation conference.

Acted Unwisely.

Washington, Sept. 22.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, giving evidence before the Senate Sub-Committee which is investigating Mr. Shearer's activities, testified that he knew nothing about his company employing Shearer until long after the Geneva Conference.

A similar statement was made by Mr. Eugene Grace, Chairman of the Shipbuilding Corporation.

Mr. Schwab said that Mr. Wake-man, Vice-President of the Shipbuilding Corporation, was responsible for Mr. Shearer's employment. Mr. Schwab thought the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, which was a subsidiary of the Steel Corporation, had acted very unwisely.

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RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 350 metres. 5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Tien Sau Tong).

7.45 p.m. Evening weather report. 8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Legal Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.).

"The Prophet," (Meyerbeer), "Coronation March," "Aida," (Verdi), Grand March, Classic Symphony Orchestra.

"Rouge," Timotheus Orles, "Honour and Arms," (Handel), Bass, Robert Marlyn.

"La Boutique Fantasque," Selection, The B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Susianna," Baritone, Terry Wilson. "Keep A' Nishin' Alone," (Negro Spirit), Selection.

"Shout A' Over God's Heaven," F. F. University Jubilee Singers. "Land of Hope and Glory," "The Yeomen of England," Baritone, Kenneth Walters.

"Kasbek," "Gipsy Idyll," "Zygyrd and His Gipsy Orchestra," "In Descent Cellar," (Drinking Song), "Armourer's Song," (from "Robin Hood").

"On with the Show, 1929," Selection, Jan Ralston, His Band. "The Shade of the Palm," Baritone, Kenneth Walters.

"Queen of the Earth," "Say Goodbye," (Marcus), "Tidley Hi," Comedienne, Lily Morris.

"Chant Polonais, No. 5," (Chopin-Liszt), (Chopin, Op. 34), "Waltz in A Major," Selection, Pianoforte Solo, Edward Isaacs.

"Drink to Me Only Thine Eyes," "Have You Seen But A Whyte Little Grow?" Tenor, Henry Millidge.

"Luck Girl," (Chang), Selection, Geoffrey Gelder and His Kettner's Five.

"Come Back," (Toselli's Serenade), "I Love the Moon," (Rubens), Tenor, Richard Neller.

"By the Waters of Minnetonka," "La Rosita," (Dupont), Organ Solo, Emile Luther.

"Mr. Sparrow," Organ Solo, Emile Luther. "Parliament," Regal Sketch Company.

"Fanny Face," (Gershwin), Selection, Geoffrey Gelder and His Kettner's Five.

"When Love Comes Stealing," "I Loved You Then as I Love You Now," Tenor, James Melton.

"Andante Cantabile," (Tchaikowsky, Op. 11), Venetian Players String Quintet. "Angels Guard Thee," Tenor, Richard Neller.

"Blue Night," (Rollins), "I'm Sorry, Sally," (Florito), Organ Solo, E. Frederic Curzon.

"I. M. S. Pinfore," (Sullivan), Selection, E. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

CHINESE CREW.

FINED FOR CREATING A DISTURBANCE.

Manila, Sept. 21. Nine of the Tascalus's crew were fined 20 pesos each for disturbing the peace. All the injured men are recovering.

Two American and one Filipino Customs inspectors, and five Chinese were injured when the Chinese crew of the British steamer Tascalus tried to fight their way ashore.

The trouble started when the Chinese, resisting the order preventing them from landing, attacked the Customs inspectors with knives and clubs.

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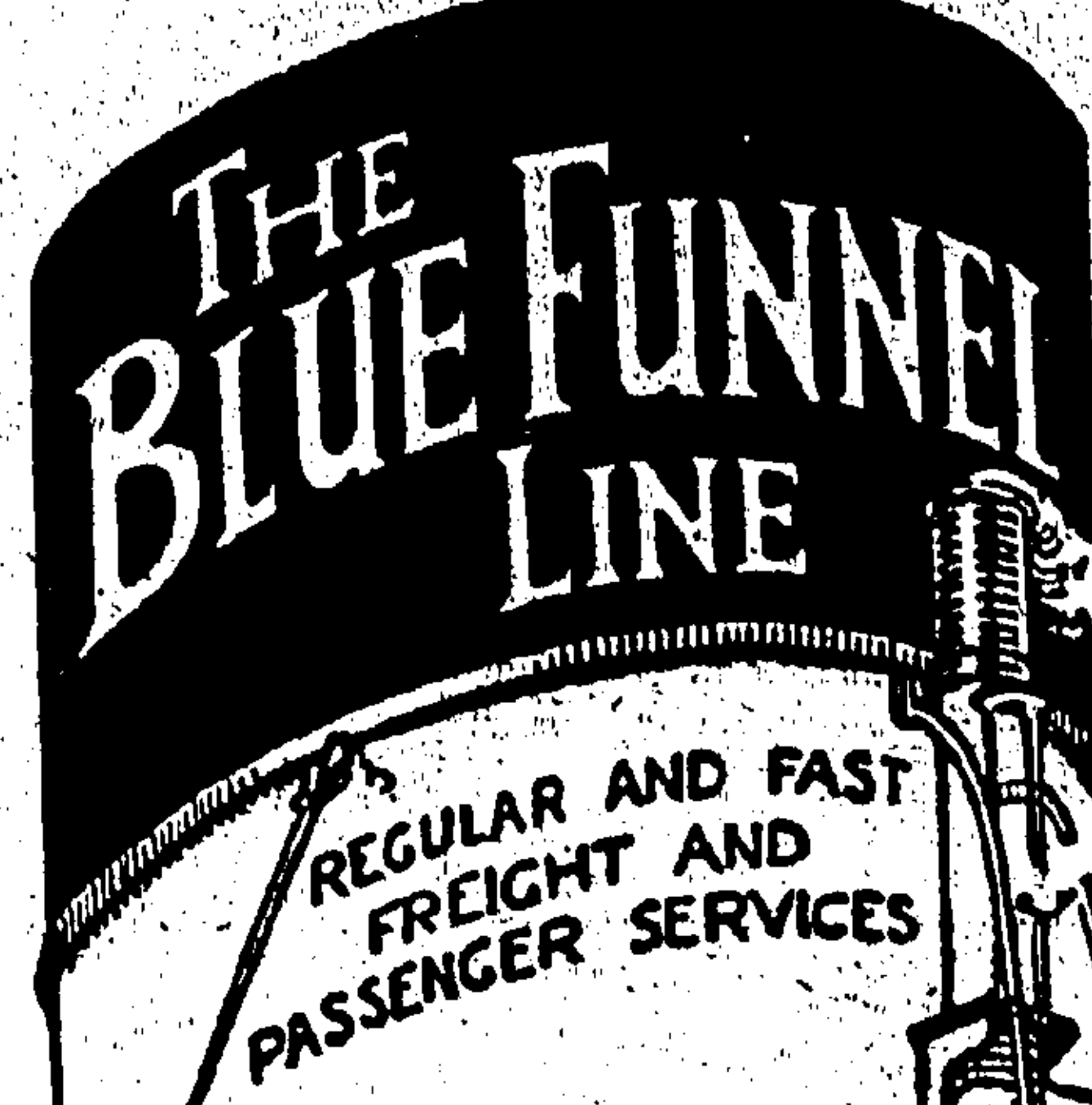
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Canton, Sept. 22.

A mandate under date of the 20th, ordered the resignation of Mr. Yao Si-chiu, assistant director of the National Aviation Administration, and appointed Mr. Wong Ping-hang in his place.

Nanking from the Air.

A Shanghai cable dated the 20th announced that an American Naval aeroplane having completed the mapping of the capital by photography, was leaving Nanking for Shanghai on the 21st, with Dr. C. T. Wang as passenger.

Kwangtung Air Arm.

The military inspectors who have recently arrived at Canton

under order of the Central Government to inspect the disbandment and re-organization of the Kwangtung armies, will also give their attention to Kwangtung aviation. They have expressed a wish to inspect the Kwangtung Bureau of Aviation, with a view to reporting on the progress and development of that department. It is learned that Commander-in-Chief Chan Chai-tong has been consulted, and arrangements have been made for the inspection of the Aviation Bureau on Monday morning.

Damaged Canton 'Plane.

News has been received here of the arrival at Shanghai by steamer of the Canton 'plane "Tol Shan." It will be remembered that the 'plane was one of the five that left Canton on September 2 for Amoy, where it was damaged while landing. The 'plane and the crew were left behind, with instructions to follow to Shanghai by boat.—*Canton News Agency.*

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

LONDON SHARE MARKET SENSATION.

London, Sept. 20. The Board of Directors of the British Photomaton Trading Company have issued a statement that the position of the Company is entirely unaffected by the recent events on the London Stock Exchange, and that the Company is proceeding with the development of its business in the United Kingdom.

The Board is quite satisfied with its position.

The Board of the Far Eastern Photomaton Corporation, Limited, has also issued a statement to the effect that the Corporation's European accountants have been instructed to report on the effect of the recent Stock Exchange movements on the concern. The report will be made available to shareholders at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile, the development of the Company's business is proceeding in the Far East in a perfectly normal manner.

These statements follow the sensational events on the Stock Exchange yesterday when a most remarkable slump developed in the shares of five companies belonging to the Hatty financial group.

After an hour's dealings this morning the Stock Exchange general purposes committee took the unusual step of suspending dealings in the shares and certain connected securities.

It is estimated that there has been a fall of over £5,000,000 in "paper" value since the beginning of the week.

One of the companies conducts business in quick strip photography. The shares were at 13/6 a week ago and now are eighteen pence. Another company manufactures automatic machines.—*Reuter.*

A Visit to the Police.

London, Sept. 21.

The crisis in connexion with the Hatty group of companies is the sole topic of the moment.

Conflicting reports are current in regard to the dramatic action, but the latest positive statement is that Hatty and his three colleagues were interviewed by the Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday, after which he proceeded to the City of London Police Headquarters.

It is understood that no charge was made against them up to an early hour this morning. The Stock Exchange has applied its power of suspension to dealing in the Hatty Companies shares. The suspension is the first since the War.

False Pretences Charge.

London, Later.

The prominent financier Clarence Hatty, and three associates, Edmund Daniels, John G. Dixon, and A. E. Tabon, were charged at the Guildhall to-day with conspiracy to obtain £200,141 by false pretences. This is the outcome of the sensational collapse in the value of shares in companies sponsored by Hatty.

The four defendants were remanded, bail being refused. The prosecuting counsel outlined the indictment, said that the defendants, as directors of the Austin Friars Trust, obtained the sum mentioned from Mr. George Russell of the Porchester Trust, by depositing

BANDITS DEEDS.

DETAILS OF ICHANG OUTRAGE.

Hankow, Sept. 25.

The first details of the murder of Bishop Trudo Jans and Fathers Bruno and Rupertus have just been received from Ichang. It appears that the three priests had arranged to return from Saloyang to Ichang on September 10, but on the evening of September 9, while Bishop Jans was walking in his garden, thirty armed men entered the compound, and the Bishop was immediately killed by a lance thrust.

The desperadoes then rushed the building where Fathers Bruno and Rupertus were conferring with some catechists. Father Rupertus was killed at once, but Father Bruno, though mortally wounded, lived until midnight. Three Chinese catechists were also killed and three wounded.

The miscreants looted the house and the church, removing everything of value, including the chalices and sacred vessels.

The Chinese authorities at Ichang have promised to deliver the bodies to the Ichang mission, but the corpses have not yet arrived there, and it seems doubtful whether the promise can be fulfilled.—*Reuter.*

[A message from Shanghai, dated the 16th inst. said that the 'Franciscan' Procuration had received news from Ichang of another terrible crime in Hupeh by brigands or Communists, involving the death of three members of the Procuration, including Bishop Trudo Jans, who had been a resident in China for the past twenty-two years.

Bishop Trudo Jans was travelling near Liaotang, Hupeh, accompanied by Father Bruno and Father Rupertus, when, it appears, they were attacked by bandits and the whole party murdered in cold blood.

It is alleged that the murderers are members of a fanatical society.]

NO CLEMENCY.

THE OIL SCANDAL. OFFENDERS IN PRISON.

Washington, Sept. 22.

President Hoover has declined to exercise clemency in favour of Mr. Harry Sinclair and Mr. Henry M. Day for the commutation of their sentences in connexion with the Tea Pot Dome oil fields scandal.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Petitions, valueless certificates, purporting to represent the scrips of Wakefield Corporation stock. He declared that the defendants of their own accord visited the Public Prosecutor, jointly admitting responsibility. Therefore, counsel intimidated, further charges were likely to follow.

Anxiety in Berlin.

The effect of the Hatty sensation abroad is instanced in Berlin where heavy falls were experienced in the Stock Exchange, and speculators are very anxious. Offers for sale reached such dimensions that they are unable to keep up everything, and are chiefly concerned with safeguarding their own stocks.—*Reuter.*

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesday & Friday, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

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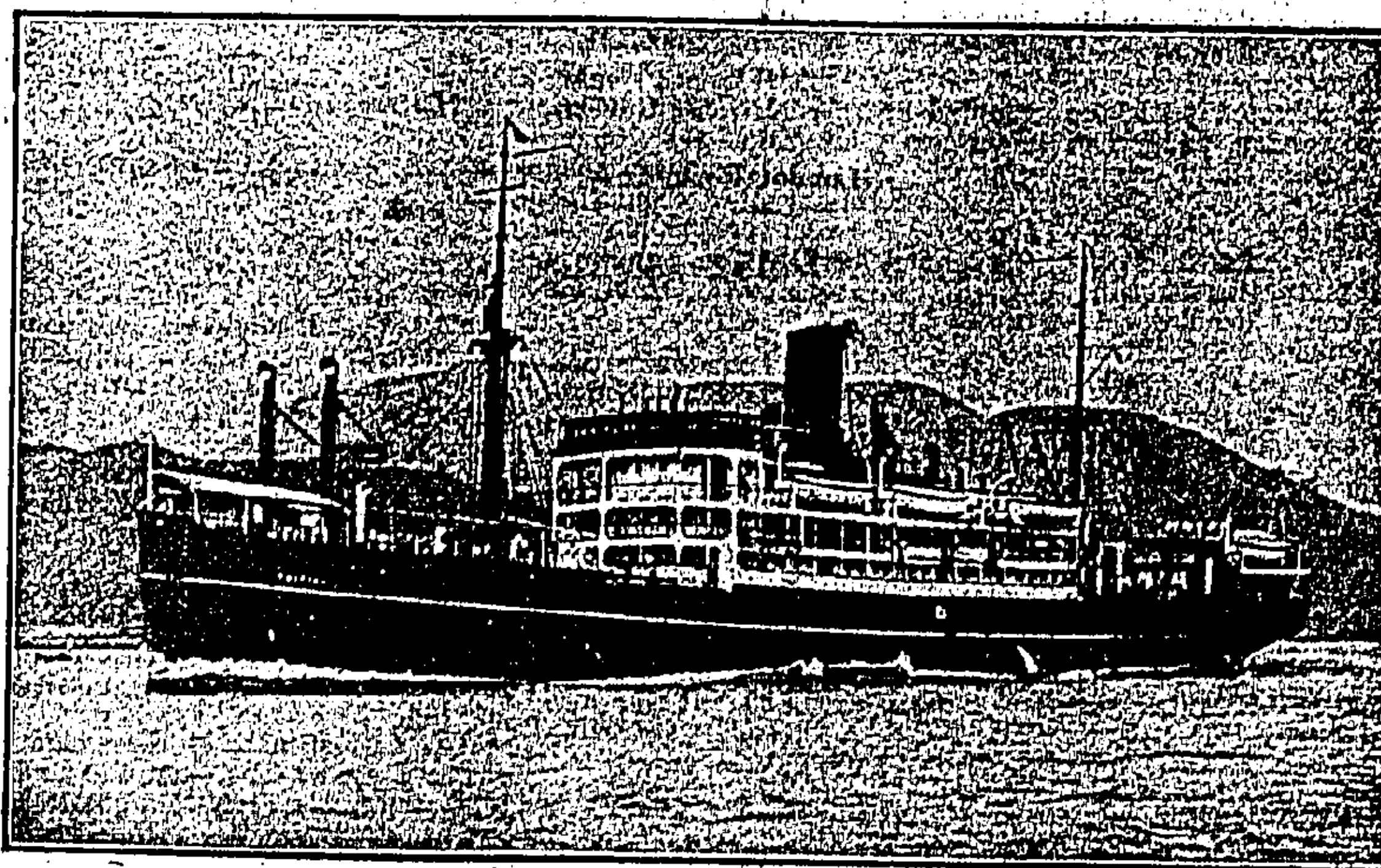
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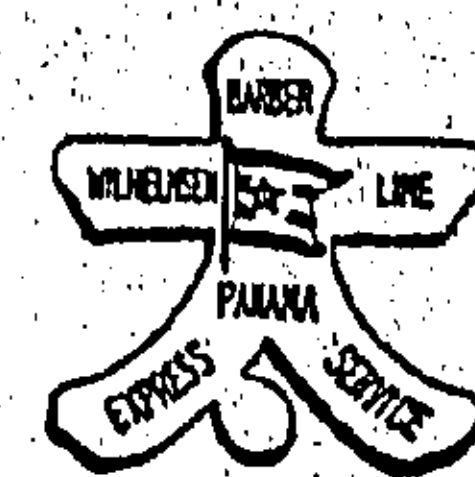
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*KALYAN	9,144	26th Oct. M'les, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp	
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SHIRALA	9,841	8th Nov.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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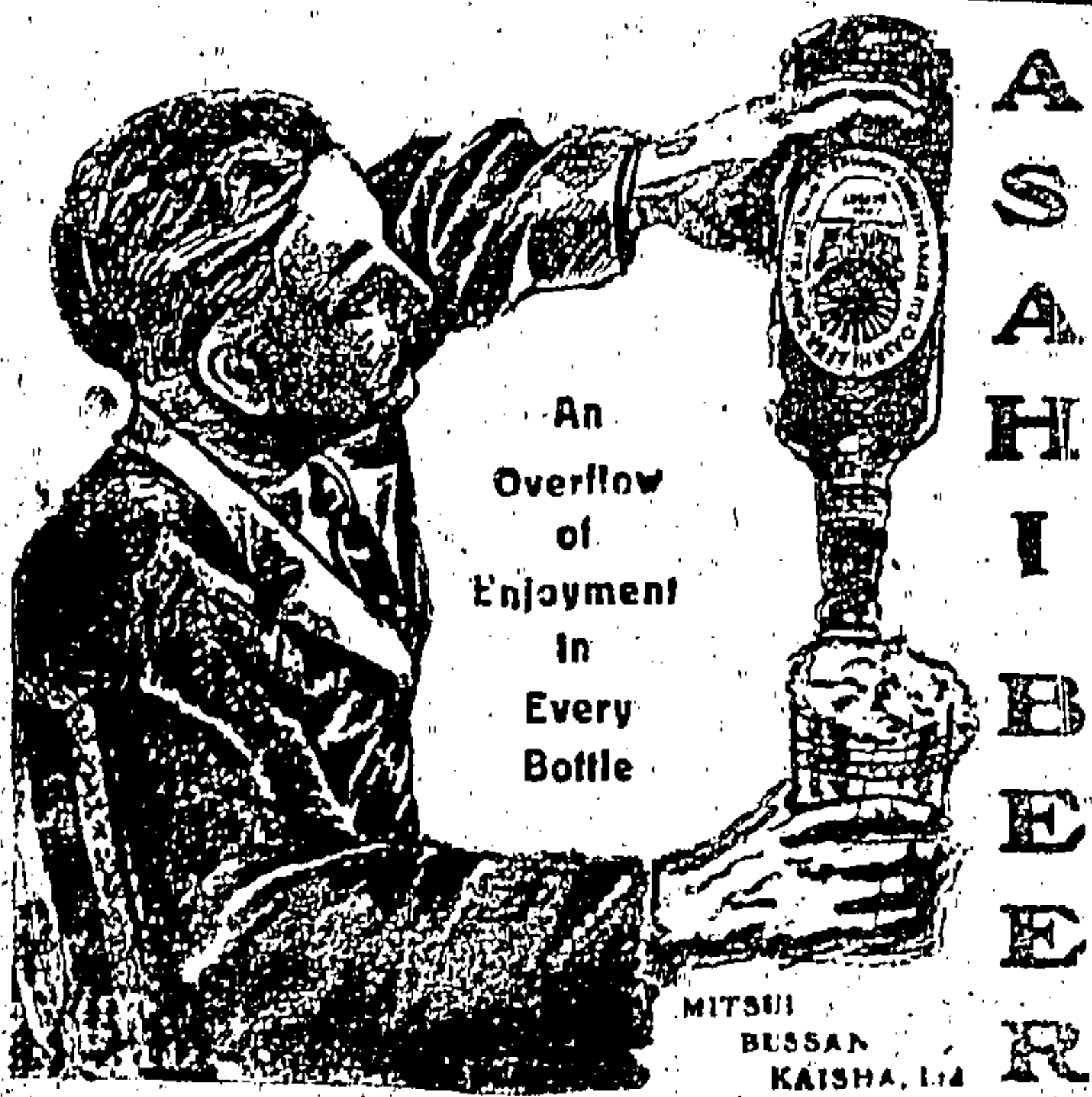
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Swatow, Sept. 19.
For some years the Municipality has had plans for completing the Bund by carrying it at the deep-water line from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's godowns to the Asiatic Petroleum Company's premises.

Recently, the Mayor invited representatives of a Dutch engineering firm in Hongkong to contract for the work. They have made a preliminary survey, but have failed so far to come to any agreement.

The municipality is said to have offered payment by grants from the land it will be necessary to reclaim. The firm wisely fought shy of the offer. Apart from the fact that real estate, which for years has been booming, is now dropping badly, owing to difficulty of securing a good title, or the exactions made from all property owners, and their liability to confiscation for municipal improvements, the titles to the filled-in land would have been precarious.

The Municipality tends to ignore the rights of those who hold deeds out to deep water, but obviously such owners must have claims to be considered.

On their side, the firm asked for so much down and for a further guarantee deposited in a Hongkong bank. One report says it was proposed to borrow \$50,000 from the Central Bank and find \$25,000 locally towards the \$75,000 required by the firm.

In any case, no conclusion was reached to the negotiations. Our Own Correspondent.

RUSSIAN WAR FUND.

CANTON COMMITTEE
PROPOSALS.

Canton, Sept. 22.
The Committee for the preparation of a Russian War Fund by means of a public subscription has decided on a sum of \$5,000,000 as a nucleus for the fund, for the purpose of assisting the Government in war preparations and aiding the men and officers at the front.

Realizing the financial limitations of Kwangtung, the Committee has sent a circular telegram to all the provinces, appealing to them to institute a nation-wide call for subscriptions in aid of the fund. Canton News Agency.

Russian Determined.

Moscow, Sept. 22.
The Tass Agency says that stormy applause followed the concluding words of Mr. Rykov's speech before the first Moscow Regional Congress of Soviets, when he said: "We do not intend to recall the Far Eastern army in the coming autumn but shall reinforce it. We shall not accept Nankin's conditions which are essentially tantamount to a Soviet surrender to the Chinese generals."—Reuter.

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LAD WHO WORKED FOR HIS
MEALS ONLY.

After serving four of his five years' apprenticeship at the Kwong Hip Lung shipyard at Cheung Sha Wan, a young Chinese, who, under his agreement, worked for only his food, fell to the temptation of stealing 15 pounds of copper from the yard. He was arrested with the metal in his possession, and, when questioned by a police officer, admitted larceny.

When accused was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Detective Sergeant Meadows intimated that under his contract with the complainants the defendant worked for four years without receiving any pay, only being supplied with his meals. He was on a five-year apprenticeship.

The defendant's master said defendant was always a good worker but owing to his breach of trust he would not be taken back again. The defendant was fined \$12, or fourteen days' hard labour in default.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:—H.M. Ships Tamar, Serapis and Seraph and Submarine L19.
North Arm.—H.M. Ships Sterling and Sandwich.
Foreign.—Chinese G/B's Kwang Kum, Chung Shan.

THREE ATTEMPTED SUICIDES.

WOMAN WHO SWALLOWED A
CHOPSTICK!

JAPANESE POISONED.

An epidemic of suicidal attempts has occurred in the Colony during the past few weeks the authorities to-day reporting three cases during the week-end. In each of these cases, a different method was adopted by the person concerned.

A young boy, 16 years of age, who says that his name is Lau Kau, and that he is a native of the Chungshan district, threw himself from the sea-wall near the Yaumati ferry wharf. The act was seen by boatpeople in the vicinity, and a quick rescue was effected.

The police found a man, apparently suffering from poison which he is believed to have taken to end his life, on the hillside in Hungnam district, and took him to hospital. He is identified as being a Japanese, named K. Hayashi, who lives at No. 30, Nathan Road.

The method adopted in the third case reported to the authorities is indeed startling. A young woman, named Yip Kai, was found apparently in great distress at her home at 600, Queen's Road West, and was removed to hospital. It was found that she had swallowed a chopstick with the intention of committing suicide, and that the article had been wholly taken in. When removed to hospital the woman was in a serious condition.

NEW CHALLENGE TO NANKING.

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Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Chen-kau commands 10,000 of the "Iron-sides" and if the report is to be believed, the Nanking Government stands a fair chance of nipping the plot in the bud.

An interesting figure will be General Tang Seng-chi, who commands the former Kwangsi units now in Tientsin. He was the man who forced Chiang Kai-shek to resign in 1927.

Chinese reports state that Tang Seng-chi is included on Nanking's "black list" and that a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

A Leftist Plot?

The new revolt against Chiang Kai-shek is alleged to be the development of a plot to place Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the leader of the Leftist group, the extremists, at the head of the Government.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has been reported in Hongkong, but it is fairly certain that he is not here. Persistent reports now suggest that he will reach Hongkong in the next week, and that Mrs. Sun Yat-sen will also come. Chen Kung-poh, Wang's right-hand man, is alleged to be in Kwangsi, preparing the way for support to Wang Ching-wei.

The stand to be taken by the Kwangtung Government is a matter of considerable speculation, but it is suggested that if the Chang Fat-kwei movement proves to be as strong as is alleged, they will be coerced into support, regardless of personal views.

Hankow's Record.

It is interesting to note that the Hankow region, which has always been anti-Chiang (as witness the rebellion in 1927 and the Kwangsi defiance this year) has again been selected as the base of the "revolutionary" movement.

Nanking, Sept. 21.
Drastic measures are being adopted by the National Government to suppress reactionary groups. The Government issued a mandate this evening dismissing Chang Fat-kwei, commander of the famous 4th Division, popularly known as "Iron-sides," from his post.

Recently the division was ordered to protect to Kweichowfu, Szechuan, from Hupoh, but refused to obey the Government's orders.

It is considered probable that a punitive expedition will be sent against them. There was a persistent rumour in the capital to-night that Fong Chen-wu, the governor of Anhwei, had resigned, and that his resignation had already been accepted. It was also stated that his troops were being disarmed.—Reuter.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong yesterday, in the Cathedral Church of St. John, Hongkong, licensed the Reverend Laurence Neville Watkins of St. John's College, Auckland, New Zealand, and recently on the staff of Leeds Parish Church, England, to be an Assistant Chaplain at the Cathedral. Mr. Watkins will have for his special care St. Peter's Church.

OPIUM FINES ON U.S. SHIPS.

DOLLAR LINE MASTERS FINED
\$700,000 IN TWO YEARS.

FIERY SENATE DEBATE

Washington, Sept. 18.

Fiery debate over penalties for bringing smoking-opium into the United States marked to-day's session of the United States senate when Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas and minority leader, moved for reconsideration of the Senate's previous action.

Last week the Senate declined to apply to owners of vessels the same penalties applying to masters of ships illegally bringing opium into the United States. The harsher penalties were adopted by the House of Representatives but the Senate voted them too drastic.

Senator Robinson maintained that full responsibility for smuggling opium into the United States should rest with owners of ships bringing it in. He declared that without such recognition of responsibility, the federal anti-narcotic laws cannot be enforced.

Opposing the stand of Senator Robinson was Senator Hiram Bingham, Republican of Connecticut. He held that Senator Robinson advocates an "exceedingly unfair" provision. To this Senator Robinson countered with a demand for information as to whether Senator Bingham represents steamship owners.

Senator Bingham replied that his views are personal, based on direct knowledge of shipping conditions.

Senator James Couzens, Republican of Michigan, injected himself into the debate by asserting that Senator Bingham had defended ship operators before the Senate finance committee. The Connecticut Senator, however, continued to insist that his interest is purely personal.

Senator Frederick Steiwer, Republican of Oregon, sided with Senator Bingham, favouring immunity for ship owners. He said that from 1925 to 1927 penalties for opium-carrying were levied against masters of Dollar line vessels 40 times despite all precautions to avoid violating the law. He said that fines against the Dollar line, captains in two years totalled \$700,000. Under questioning by Senator Robinson, however, Senator Steiwer admitted that of this amount only \$10,000 had been collected.

The Senate failed to conclude the debate, deciding to delay a vote.

MR. SUN FO ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

STAYING AT PENINSULA
HOTEL.

Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, accompanied by Mrs. Sun, arrived in Hongkong by the s.s. President Jefferson this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sun are now staying at the Peninsula Hotel and will leave for Macao to-morrow, on their way to Shekai to see Mr. Sun's mother.

It is understood that Mr. Sun will proceed to the Chung Shan district on the 26th, when a meeting to discuss reconstruction measures in that district will be held.

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that she was not fit to give evidence.

Severe Fall.

Continuing, Dr. Tseung said he found the condition of the lady consistent with a severe fall. Witness was of the opinion after making a careful examination, that she had been thrown, as there was no damage at all to her hands or wrists. The injury on her forehead showed that she fell on her face. Normally if she fell, he would expect her hand or wrists to be injured.

Witness agreed that those facts would be consistent if she fainted and fell.

Witness' estimate of the weight of the lady was between 180 and 200 pounds. In reply to a question put by Mr. Strellett, witness said the fracture of the ankle was not necessarily caused by direct violence.

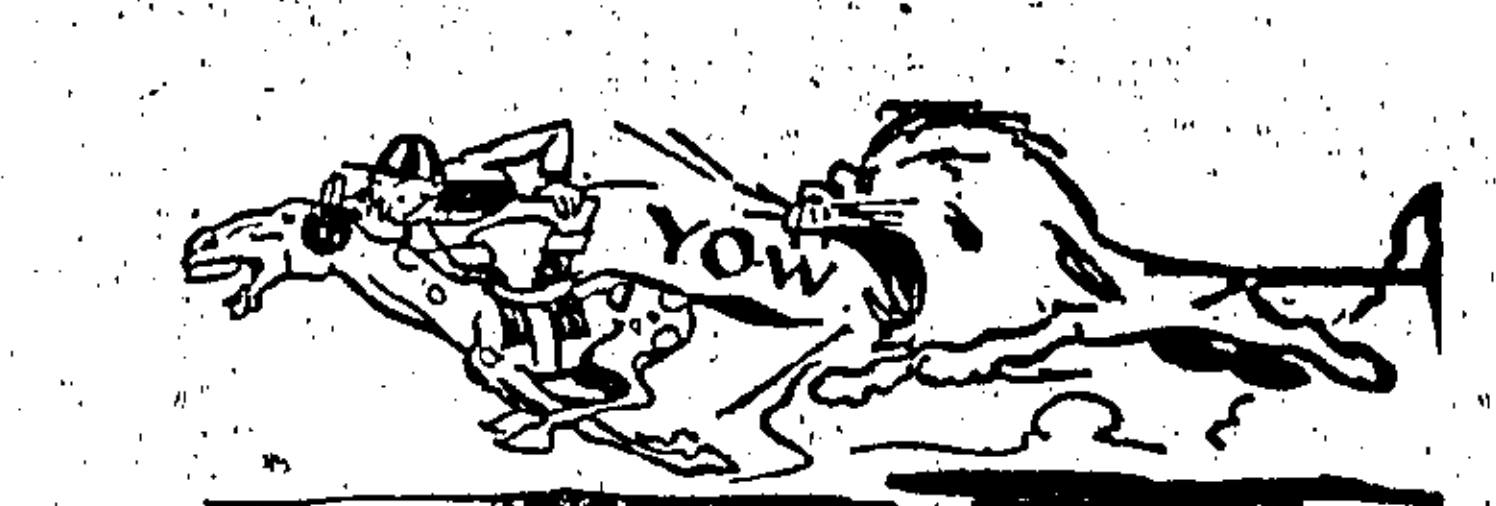
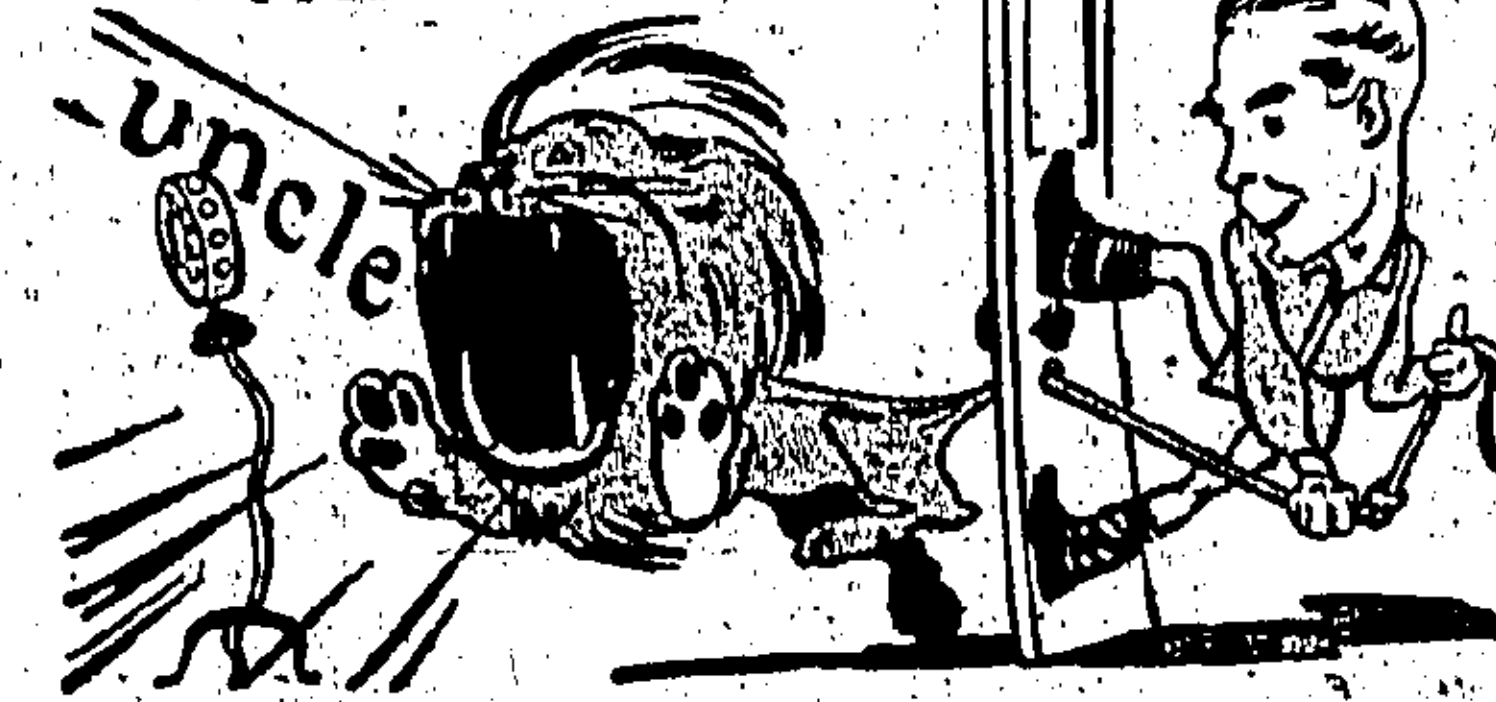
With regard to the wound on the forehead, Dr. Tseung could not describe it as a small scalp wound as was suggested by Mr. Strellett seeing that it had swollen to the size of a hen's egg.

The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

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